



# CORPUS CHRISTI, ST. ALPHONSUS AND ST. MARGARET CATHOLIC CHURCH OUR LADY OF LOURDES, WHEATLEY



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**Corpus Christi Church**  
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## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018 Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

**Saturday** Our Lady of Lourdes 6.00 pm  
**Sunday** Corpus Christi 9.00 am John Joseph & John Patrick Flavin  
Corpus Christi 11.00am Maria Pia Sarmento, Tarcisio dos Santos  
6.30pm

<b>Feast/Intention</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>The Priory</b>
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### **Weekday Masses; Cycle B: Breviary Week 2**

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	6.30pm
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Michael Carrol	6.30pm
	12.00 Noon: Our Lady of Lourdes: Requiem: Adalgisa Knight	
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	12.00 Noon: Requiem: Irene Harrison	6.30pm
	<b>SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS</b>	
	6.00pm VIGIL MASS No morning Mass	
Thursday Nov.1 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am 7.00pm	
	<b>COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS</b>	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am Irene Harrison	6.30pm
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	

### **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Corpus Christi	9.00 am
	Corpus Christi	11.00 am Joaquim Sarmento, Maria Celeste Sarmento, Graham Rennie
	Corpus Christi	6.30 pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions):** Saturday 10.30 to 11.00 am or any time at call.

**Baptisms by appointment, normally first Sunday of the month at 12.30 pm.**

## **Marriages normally require six months' notice.**

### **Scripture Reflection**

St. Mark has now finished describing the Galilean ministry of Jesus and he passes through Jericho. As he leaves the town, Bartimaeus, blind and begging, calls out to Jesus many times (we have two recorded) in words that we make our own. The crowd, after scolding him, eventually encourage him. The physical gaining of his sight points to the need of the disciples to see who Jesus really is (Gospel: Mark 10:46-52). Jeremiah looks forward to the return of the Exiles (First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9). Christ's priesthood is not from the tribe of Levi, but from the more mysterious Melchizedek (Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.' (Ps 125/126:3).

You may like to say this as a meditation on your Rosary.

### **Scripture Readings for the week ahead**

Monday Ephesians 4:32-5:8; Luke 13:10-17  
Tuesday Ephesians 5:21-33; Luke 13:18-21  
Wednesday Ephesians 6:1-9; Luke 13:22-30  
Thursday Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14; John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12  
Friday Selection from Vol.1 of Lectionary, or Vol.3  
Saturday Philippians 1:18-26; Luke 14:1, 7-11

### **PARISH NOTICES**

**Catholic Quiz:** Last week's answer: Ezekiel. This week's question: 'In which city is the body of St. Mark?'

**The Solemnity of All Saints, Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup>, is a Holyday of Obligation.** Masses are:

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 6.00pm Vigil Mass: Our Lady of Lourdes, Wheatley; Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November at Corpus Christi: 9.15am and 7.00pm.

**November is traditionally dedicated to our Faithful Departed.** Would you please write the names of those you would like to be remembered at Masses in the Book by the Lady Altar.

**Please check each week in the Newsletter whether or not there is Mass at the Priory.**

**Please park legally in the streets around the Church.** We have had some **complaints recently from our neighbours.**

**Please ensure that your mobile phones are switched off during Mass. They can be a great distraction.**

If anyone, or you know of anyone who is thinking about becoming a Catholic please see Fr. Mervyn.

**The Holy Father** has asked us at the end of the Rosary in October to add the two prayers 'Sub tuum praesidium...' and that to St. Michael 'Holy Michael Archangel...' to fight against any demonic forces attacking the Church.

**Gift Aid:** would you please consider – if you are a tax payer – signing the Gift Aid form and handing it in to the Parish.

**Fairtrade:** There will be stalls next weekend at the 6.00pm, 9.00 and 11.00am Masses. **Celebrating a**

**Fairtrade Christmas:** Open evening on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 7.30-9.00pm at Headington Fairtrade, 104 London Road, with ideas for Christmas gifts over drinks and nibbles.

**Parish Website:** please send anything of interest to the Parish to the address under Parish News on the website.

**The parish** has some **old hall tables and a noticeboard** that we would like to recycle. If anyone is interested in these please see either Fr. Mervyn or contact Peter Selwood in the office (email [catholicheadington@gmail.com](mailto:catholicheadington@gmail.com) 01865 762433).

**CAFOD/Live Simply:** Thank you to all who contributed generously to Family Fast Day raising £539. To make a legacy to CAFOD to ensure ongoing support for the poorest in the world there are leaflets at the back of the church with details. **Share the Journey:** Participants in Parish Pilgrimage on July 22<sup>nd</sup> contributed a

total of over 100,000 miles in support of refugees and migrants. On 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. Campaign cards were handed to Parliament prior to UN meetings urging ambitious new agreements on refugees and migration.

**Next Meetings: Justice and Peace** on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October and **Live Simply** on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm both in the Quiet Room at Corpus Christi – all welcome. Minutes from recent LS meeting on board.

**Ride & Stride**: Kate Gills was our sole Rider and Strider this year raising £630, visiting 30 churches on foot.

**Please remember people in need in Oxfordshire** and bring a donation if possible for the Foodbank box at the back of the Churches.

**Priory Prayers**: Ecumenical Prayers at the Priory, Old High St., Headington, Monday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm, led by members of Headington Quakers. All welcome!

**Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11.30am: Blessing of Graves** at Headington Cemetery.

**CATHOLIC HANDICAPPED FELLOWSHIP, OXFORD**: Bingo and Raffle, Cowley WORKERS SOCIAL Club, Between Towns Road, Cowley, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November from 7pm. Contact Gerald Fulham for more details 01865 579040 or Ann Ong 721264.

**Date for the Diary: Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the 11.00am Mass** we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the arrival in the Parish of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of St. Aubin. This will be followed by a bring-and-share international lunch in the Hall. Please come and support Sister Marie-Ann as the only Sister left of the Order in the Priory.

**Journey in Faith**: 7.00pm – 8.00pm in the Quiet Room off the Sacristy continues on Monday **October 29<sup>th</sup>** and **November 5<sup>th</sup>**. This will be a brief overview of the Catholic Faith for anyone who might be thinking of becoming a Catholic or wants to know more. This Monday the session will be about the Sacraments of the Church.

**Confirmation June 1<sup>st</sup> 2019**: if your child is in Year 6 then would you please complete the registration form for Confirmation. If anyone else needs to be Confirmed then would he/she also fill in a form. Confirmation is not an optional Sacrament - it is required to be a full member of the Church. Forms for registration for **First Holy Communion** (Year 3 children or above) are also available. First Holy Communion will be on Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> 2019.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**: I have arranged a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land for September 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 2019. It will officially be a Diocesan pilgrimage and Bishop Robert Byrne will be coming. But we could have a substantial number from Corpus Christi and Oxford if we start to book early enough. The itinerary and price are the same as last year: all inclusive for £1496.00 (+ £355 for single room). This is a very good price for 5 nights in Bethlehem and 3 nights in Tiberius. Posters and booking forms are at the entrance to the Churches. Join us before you are too old or dead for the experience of a life-time!!

**Thursday Lunch Club**: usually meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month to provide elderly people who live alone in Headington with a home cooked two course lunch, tea, coffee and chocolates and a free raffle. We would be very grateful for any support that you might be able to provide. We need some more help in order to run this and if you might be willing to cook, or set up the tables, or greet guests and serve meals or drive guests either regularly or occasionally we would be very pleased to hear from you. We would also be very grateful for any gifts that could be prizes in the raffle: chocolates, biscuits, etc. are particularly popular and welcome. Anna Brooke who has run this very successfully for the last six years can tell you more about the lunch club or please phone Katya Drummond on 763161.

**Data Protection**: Would you please inform us if you do not wish your data that we have collected through Census Forms or other means to be used to contact you. It is now a requirement that everyone whose name is on the parish sick list actively agrees that it is there. Would you please help to ensure that a relative/friend on the list is informed about this.

**Parish Hall**: if anyone would like to book the Parish Hall, the contact for bookings is Peter Selwood in the Parish Office on 01865 762433 on Monday or Wednesday morning or email any time on catholicheadington@gmail.com.

As many of you will already be aware, the Archdiocese of Birmingham will be participating in the Independent Inquiry in Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) at a hearing next month (Nov) in London. IICSA was set up some years ago by the government following a number of high profile and serious cases of historic child abuse. Through its investigations, IICSA is seeking to understand “what went wrong, and why”. The Archdiocese has been asked to participate in IICSA’s investigations along with other organisations within the Catholic Church. A Pastoral Letter will be read out in all churches next weekend (3/4 November) on this matter. If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and the Church’s work, please call 0121 230 6240 or emergency out-of-hours on 07976 516629. Please pray with us for all victims of abuse, and for all those involved in the work of this important inquiry.

**Coffee after 9am Sunday Mass:** Thank you to all who have offered to help. We can now offer coffee after every 9.00 Sunday Mass. Please do stay and chat if you can!

**Offertories :21<sup>st</sup> October: Loose: £540.23 Gift Aid: £228.32 Mission Sunday: £184.16**

With thanks for all your generosity to the Parish and to charity.

**There is 24/7 Live Internet Camera operating in Corpus Christi Church.**

**Please pray for**

The sick and the housebound: Archie Allen, Carol Ayrton, Fr. John Baggley, Patricia Barfield, Margaret Bond, Rita Booker, Christopher Browne, Pedro Busette, John Claydon, Nicholas Coote, David Diggins, Michael Dolan, Maureen Felix, Philomena Garvey, Dominic Gondreau, Yvonne Goonesekara, Mario Kim (Fr Paul Kim’s father), Joan Knatt, Rene Hilland, Theresa Johnson, Cynthia & Colville Lobendhan, Victoria Maceda, Carmel McGarry, R. J. Matava, Averil Nathaniels, Ameia Padua, Celine Peiris, Peter Perera, Alba Thorning, Aileen Vangramberg, Diana Walden, Mary Wallace, Pat Walsh, Liz Ward, Louise Williams. Please pray for all who have recently died, especially Philippa Smith, Sandra Lockyer, Mary Todd, Gisa Knight and Irene Harrison

#### **Parish Team Members**

**Parish Safeguarding: Kate Gills**

**Gift Aid: Pat Warnock**

**Health and Safety: John Kelly**

**Eucharistic Ministers Co-ordinators:**

**Finance Committee: Chris Barrie**

**Freda (Wheatley); Various (Corpus Christi)**

**Parish Administrator: Peter Selwood**

**Readers at Corpus Christi: Zenobia**

**Parish Secretary: Freda Duckmanton**

**Readers at Wheatley: Marc Lafferty**

**Altar Servers: Chris Barrie**

**Music: 9.00 am Kate; 11.00 Leo & Randy 6.30 pm  
Clare**

**Parish Hall: Peter Selwood**

**Mosaic: Francesco**

**Lunch Club: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Katya  
Drummond 01865 763161**

#### **Prayer for the Preparation of Mass**

**God our Father you call us to gather for this Sunday Mass.**

**Help us to draw strength from the Holy Scriptures and from the Holy Eucharist, so that we  
deepen our love for you.**

**May we be enlivened by the Holy Spirit to mirror the words and actions  
of your Son Jesus Christ**

**and become more clearly your instruments of mercy to others.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**