



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



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## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Denzil &amp; Rita Kay, dec'd friends &amp; family</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Bill Funnell</b>
	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Graham Rennie</b>
		<b>6.30pm</b>	

<b>Feast/Intention</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>The Priory</b>
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### Weekday Masses; Cycle B: Breviary Week 4

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am (at St. Luke's) St.Josaphat	6.30pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	6.30pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Yebra Family	6.30pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Morning Mass</b>	6.30pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	6.30pm
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am;	

### Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Corpus Christi	9.00 am	
	Corpus Christi	11.00 am	
	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

We watch Jesus observing the daily events in the Temple courtyards and pointing out the contrast between the religious leaders in their dress and attitudes and the poor humble widow. Her contribution to the Temple

treasury is proportionately far greater than the former and the Lord commends her generosity (Gospel: Mark 12:38-44). It is a widow, who has no-one to rely on, who looks after Elijah. She is promised abundance in return so that she and her son can survive the devastating drought (First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16). Christ suffered only once but always takes on all sins (Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'My soul give praise to the Lord.' (Ps 145/146:1).  
You may like to say this as a meditation on your Rosary.

### Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday	Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday	Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday	Titus 3:1-7; Luke 17:11-19
Thursday	Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25
Friday	2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37
Saturday	3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8

### PARISH NOTICES

**Catholic Quiz:** Last week's answer: Genesis, The Psalms, Hebrews. This week's question: 'Who was the youngest son of Jacob?'

**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. In the basket at OLL, Wheatley.

**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.

**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 the first weekend of each month at the 6.00pm, 9.00 and 11.00am Masses.

**Next weekend November 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>** we celebrate the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the arrival of the Parish of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of St. Aubin.** There will be a bring and share international lunch in the Hall from 12.15pm. Please come and support Sister Marie Ann as the only Sister left of the Order in the Priory. We pray for all the Sisters who served in our parish who have died.

**We have become a Fairtrade Church** We have committed to using Fairtrade tea and coffee for meetings and to move forward on using other Fairtrade products such as sugar, biscuits and fruit. These products ensure that farmers and producers get a fair wage and work in safe conditions. Some of these products are available on the stalls today at 9.00 and 11.00am, but many are available in the local supermarkets. Please look for the Fairtrade logo when you shop.

**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.

**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 Meeting Live Simply** on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Quiet Room at Corpus Christi – all welcome. Minutes from recent LS meeting on board.

**Corpus Christi Children's Choir**: recording will take place for a CD on 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you to Lizelle for arranging this. The CD will be available for Christmas.

**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.

**Congratulations** to staff, pupils and governors of St. Gregory the Great School. The last OFSTED visit report is now published and demonstrates that all involved are improving. There was a very positive article in The Oxford Mail on October 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have a child that will be going into Year 7 next year, please consider St. Gregory the Great as a real possibility. We need to support our Catholic schools as well as seek the very best education for our children. Please visit the school.

**Children's safety**: the Parish Council is concerned that for their safety children are not allowed to run freely around during Mass. Please also be careful about children going outside the Church and Hall and running into the road.

**The Pastoral Review**: this is a publication that comes out every two months and has some interesting articles. Fr. Mervyn writes a short commentary on each of the weekday readings of Mass which some of you (though not all!) may find helpful.

**Parish Christmas cards and Parish calendar**: some of Jadwiga's photos from the Parish Holy Land pilgrimage have been made into Christmas cards (50p each) and a 2019 Calendar (£5.00). The proceeds of the latter will go to The Friends of the Holy Land.

**Journey in Faith**: if anyone would like to know more about the Church or is thinking of becoming a Catholic, then please contact Fr. Mervyn.

**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!!

**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.

**The Archdiocese hearing in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA)** begins in London on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November, and runs until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. The Archdiocese believes that the work being done by IICSA is of great significance and supports the aim of strengthening and improving safeguarding practices and cultures within the Church. The welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults is a fundamental priority for the Archdiocese. Fostering a culture which has safeguarding at its very heart remains a key part of our work. If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and the Church's work,

please call **0121 230 6240**. If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on **0808 800 5000**. Please pray with us for all victims of abuse, and for all those involved in the work of this important inquiry. Last weekend's Pastoral Letter on this matter can be found on the Archdiocese website:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

**Sub tuum praesidium**: We fly to thy patronage, O Holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

**Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**: St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**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** :4<sup>th</sup> November: Loose: £607.79 Gift Aid: £249.62

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, 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, Jack Tilley, Ruth Tilley, 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.**