



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



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Sunday 18th November 2018 Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year

Saturday Our Lady of Lourdes 6.00 pm

Sunday Corpus Christi 9.00 am

Corpus Christi 11.00am
6.30pm

Feast/Intention	Corpus Christi	The Priory
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Weekday Masses; Cycle B: Breviary Week 1

Monday 19 th	9.15am	6.30pm
Tuesday 20 th	9.15am	6.30pm
Wednesday 21 st	9.15am Presentation of the Bl. Virgin Mary	6.30pm
Thursday 22 nd	No Morning Mass St. Cecilia	6.30pm
Friday 23 rd	9.15am	6.30pm
Saturday 24 th	10.00am St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

24 th	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 25 th	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

As we come to the end of the Liturgical Year, the Church focuses upon the traditional Last Things – Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. Jesus teaches his disciples with apocalyptic language about the end of time. Apocalyptic is a genre of biblical literature which is precisely to encourage the faithful to remain firm under persecution. As far as Mark's Gospel is concerned this is almost certainly during the persecution of Nero (Gospel: Mark 13:24-32). The same style is there in Daniel when he encourages the faithful to look to Michael the Archangel who protects his people and leads them to everlasting life (First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3). There is only one priest and one sacrifice, Jesus Christ (Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14,18).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'Preserve me God, I take refuge in you.' (Ps 15/16:1).
You may like to say this as a meditation on your Rosary.

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday	Apocalypse 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday	Apocalypse 3:1-6, 14-22; Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday	Apocalypse 4:1-11; Luke 19:11-28
Thursday	Apocalypse 5:1-10; Luke 19:41-44
Friday	Apocalypse 10:8-11; Luke 19:45-48
Saturday	Apocalypse 11:4-12; Luke 20:27-40

PARISH NOTICES

Catholic Quiz: Last week's answer: Benjamin. This week's question: 'What is an honorary title of the Archbishops of Lisbon and Venice?'

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.

This weekend November 17th/18th we celebrate the **50th 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.

The Catholic Handicapped Fellowship Group-CHF Oxford will have a Christmas Sale and Hamper raffle on Saturday December 1st at The Don Bosco Hall next to Our Lady's Church in Hollow Way, Cowley, from 11am-3pm. Support much appreciated. All proceeds to support the Fellowship Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund in 2019. More details from Sheila & Gerald Fulham 01865 579040 or from Ann & Sam Pittick.

Sunday December 2nd after the 9.00am and 11.00am Masses there will be a video presentation by the Friends of the Holy Land about the plight of Palestinians on the West Bank.

Advent Service: December 16th 3.00pm. This will consist of reflections and Advent music. Afterwards there will be mulled wine and mince pies. The collection will be for the Friends of the Holy Land.

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.

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 22nd contributed a total of over 100,000 miles in support of refugees and migrants. On 6th Sept. Campaign cards were handed to Parliament prior to UN meetings urging ambitious new agreements on refugees and migration.

Corpus Christi Children's Choir: recording will take place for a CD on 17th/18th 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 10th. 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 1st 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 16th 2019.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: I have arranged a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land for September 3rd – 11th 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.

Thursday Lunch Club would welcome prizes for the Christmas Raffle. Your gifts can be left in the sacristy after Mass. Thank you for your continued support.

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 : 11th November: Loose: £741.79 Gift Aid: £250.70 Johnson Association £309.57

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.