



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



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Sunday 25th November 2018 The Solemnity of Christ the King

Saturday Our Lady of Lourdes 6.00 pm For the People of the Parish
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 2

Monday 26 th	9.15am	6.30pm
Tuesday 27 th	9.15am	6.30pm
Wednesday 28 th	9.15am	6.30pm
Thursday 29 th	No Morning Mass	6.30pm
Friday 30 th	9.15am	6.30pm
Saturday 1 st Dec	10.00am	

First Sunday of Advent

1 st Dec	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm For the People of the Parish
Sunday 2 nd	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

On the final Sunday of the liturgical year the Church celebrates the truth that all is enfolded in the mystery of the kingdom of Christ. This kingdom is completely different from that of worldly rulers as Jesus makes clear to Pilate. Pilate is thinking merely of power and authority as of that of Caesar and derived to his governors. But Jesus' kingdom is far above this as it witnesses to the truth (Gospel: John 18:33-37). Daniel has a vision of the one who is to usher in the new age (First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14). The Apocalypse begins with the vision of Jesus Christ who is the king of kings (Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.' (Ps 92/93:1). You may like to say this as a meditation on your Rosary.

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday	Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday	Isaiah 11: 1-10; Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Matthew 9:35-37
Thursday	Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday	Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

PARISH NOTICES

Catholic Quiz: Last week's answer: Patriarch. This week's question: Where was Amos from?'

Priory Prayers: You are warmly invited to join us for Ecumenical prayers at the Priory, Old High St., Monday 26th November at 7.45pm led by members of Holy Trinity Church, Headington Quarry. All Welcome

A Thank you to Fr. Mervyn and the parishioners from the Sisters of the Sacred Heart (St. Aubin). We are delighted and grateful for the thoughtful gift of the plaque and for the day of thanksgiving and prayer.

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: The regular monthly stalls will be held this weekend 6.00pm Mass at Wheatley and the 9.00 and 11.00am Masses in Corpus Christi.

Action by Christians Against Torture (ACAT) Christmas Greetings Campaign 2018. This Christmas would you like to send a message of hope to prisoners around the world? ACAT provide a list of individuals incarcerated around the world for belonging to human rights organisations, for practising their faith or for taking part in peaceful protest. They also campaign for prisoners on death row. Please take details provided at the back of the church and read the guidance on what to send, what to write and what not to write on your card. If everyone in the parish could write to one prisoner that would be amazing! For more information on ACAT go to: www.acatuk.org.uk

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 ad 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.

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

CAFOD/Live Simply: We start our new challenge today a Live Simply Christmas. Further information will be available this weekend at all Masses and in the accompanying leaflet – we are all being encouraged to pledge an action on a post-it and place on the Christmas tree

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.

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

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 the photos of Jadwiga and John 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 : 18th November: Loose: £608.40 Gift Aid: £234.21

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.