



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



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## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 First Sunday of Advent

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>For the People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Ruggerio Family</b>
	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Patrick Maughan</b>
		<b>6.30 pm</b>	

<b>Feast/Intention</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>The Priory</b>
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## Weekday Masses; Cycle C: Breviary Week 1

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>10.00am</b> (at St.Luke's) St.Francis Xavier. Paddy,Theresa.Noel Walsh	6.30pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8.00am</b> Gary and Bob Webb	6.30pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8.30am</b> St. Birinus	6.30pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Morning Mass</b>	6.30pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am St.Ambrose. Dec'd members of Bean & Devenport families	6.30pm
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am Immaculate Conception	

## Second Sunday of Advent

8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception</b>
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	
	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	
	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	

**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 begin Cycle C of the three Liturgical Years and the Sunday Gospels are primarily from Luke. He is called by Dante the "Scribe of Christ's gentleness". It is from this angle that Jesus

today encourages his disciples to stay awake and be ready for the last day (Gospel: Luke 21:25-28,34-36). Jeremiah, living in the last days of the Kingdom of Judah, looks towards the restoration of both Israel and Judah (First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16). St. Paul urges growth in love to the early Christians in his earliest letter (Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'The Lord is good and upright.' (Ps 24/25:8).  
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: Tekoa. This week's question: How many candles are on the Advent wreath?'

**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.

**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](http://www.acatuk.org.uk)

**This Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Books, Jazz & Dinosaurs:** Anyone from 8 to 108 is invited to the book launch for The Curious Science Quest, a faith-friendly history of science in 6 parts by Julia Golding. Andrew Briggs and Roger Wagner. Join us **at 7pm, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**, at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History for a fun talk, followed by book signing, illustration demonstration, live jazz, cake and dinosaurs. RSVP [kippi.rai-spraggon@materials.ox.ac.uk](mailto:kippi.rai-spraggon@materials.ox.ac.uk)

**Helen & Douglas House:** Imogen has been learning to run and can now run for 28 minutes. She has signed up for Santas on the Run fund-raising run through Oxford on **December 9<sup>th</sup>**. She has a JustGiving page and her target is £30.

**Advent Service: December 16<sup>th</sup> 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. Please have a look at what is already there, including Sr. Mary Anne's work about the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Saint Aubin.

**CAFOD/Live Simply Christmas:** Please bring your donations of new Toys and Books for the Salvation Army Appeal by next weekend **December 8<sup>th</sup>** for distribution to needy families on December 12<sup>th</sup>. There is a list of suggested gifts for different age groups by the box at the back of the church. Please share your own idea for a simpler Christmas by writing it on a post-it and placing it on the Christmas tree. CAFOD World Gift catalogues are available this weekend.

**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 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.

**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 : 25<sup>th</sup> November: Loose: £600.56 Gift Aid: £200.36 Youth Service: £188.87**  
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, Irene Harrison, Rose Gobles and John Bullivant.

**Parish Team Members**

**Parish Safeguarding: Kate Gills**

**Gift Aid: Pat Warnock**

**Health and Safety: John Kelly**

**Eucharistic Ministers Co-ordinators:  
Freda (Wheatley); Various (Corpus Christi)**

**Finance Committee: Chris Barrie**

**Readers at Corpus Christi: Zenobia**

**Parish Administrator: Peter Selwood**

**Readers at Wheatley: Marc Lafferty**

**Parish Secretary: Freda Duckmanton**

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

**Altar Servers: Chris Barrie**

**Mosaic: Francesco**

**Parish Hall: Peter Selwood**

**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.**

