



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



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Sunday 4th November 2018 Thirty-First Sunday of the Year

Saturday Our Lady of Lourdes 6.00 pm
Sunday Corpus Christi 9.00 am
Corpus Christi 11.00am Joachim Sarmiento, Maria Celeste Sarmiento
Graham Rennie
6.30pm

Feast/Intention Corpus Christi The Prioxy

Weekday Masses; Cycle B: Breviary Week 3

Monday 5 th	7.30am	6.30pm
Tuesday 6 th	9.15am Maria Penny	6.30pm
Wednesday 7 th	8.30am John & Peter Davenport	6.30pm
Thursday 8 th	No Morning Mass	6.30pm
Friday 9 th	9.15am Dedication of Lateran Basilica	6.30pm
Saturday 10 th	10.00am; 12.30 Baptisms	

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 th	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 11 th	Corpus Christi	9.00 am	
	Corpus Christi	11.00 am	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

Jesus is now in the Temple after his Entry into Jerusalem. Just before today's text, he is confronted by the chief priests, Pharisees, Herodians, Sadducees and scribes. It is one of the latter who asks Jesus for a clarification of his teaching. Jesus deftly joins together Deuteronomy 6:4-6 and Leviticus 19:18 and this is repeated by the scribe. The opposition for the moment is silenced (Gospel: Mark 12:28-34). The first commandment quoted by Jesus is introduced and begun in the second speech of Moses to the people of Israel as they wait to cross the Jordan (First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6). Hebrews repeats the truth that Jesus is the one perfect High Priest (Second Reading: Hebrews).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: 'Praised be the God who saves me.' (Ps 18:46).
You may like to say this as a meditation on your Rosary.

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday	Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14
Tuesday	Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 14:15-24
Wednesday	Philippians 2:12-18
Thursday	Philippians 3:3-8; Luke 15:1-10
Friday	Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 or 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22
Saturday	Philippians 4: 10-19; Luke 16:9-15

PARISH NOTICES

Catholic Quiz: Last week's answer: Venice. This week's question: 'In which three biblical books is Melchizedek mentioned?'

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.

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 this weekend at the 6.00pm, 9.00 and 11.00am Masses.

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 12th 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 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.

Next Meeting Live Simply on Thursday 15th November at 7.30pm 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.

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.

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

Date for the Diary: Sunday, November 18th 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 **November 5th**. 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 life of the Catholic.

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.

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.

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 :28th October: Loose: £697.30 Gift Aid: £184

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, 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.

