



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



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Sunday 9th December 2018 Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	Corpus Christi	9.00 am	
	Corpus Christi	11.00 am	Kurt Marcelle/Emeline & Ella Keown
		6.30 pm	

Feast/Intention	Corpus Christi	The Priory
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Weekday Masses; Cycle C: Breviary Week 2

Monday 10 th	9.15am Orlando Empig	6.30pm
Tuesday 11 th	10.00am Requiem: Rose (Una) Gobles	6.30pm
Wednesday 12 th	9.15am Joy, Ted & Stephanie Boodell	6.30pm
Thursday 13 th	No Morning Mass St. Lucy	6.30pm
Friday 14 th	9.15am St. John of the Cross	6.30pm
Saturday 15 th	10.00am	

Third Sunday of Advent

15 th	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm
Sunday 16 th	Corpus Christi	9.00 am
	Corpus Christi	11.00 am
	Corpus Christi	6.30 pm

Extra Confessions at Corpus Christi: Tuesday 18th December, 6.00-7.00pm. There will also be a visiting priest.

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

Of all the Gospels it is Luke who is concerned to place events in their wider historical context – here the Emperor, governor, local ruler, and religious leaders. John the Baptist’s message occurs at a specific time but is for all people at all times (Gospel: Luke 3:1-6). Luke quotes from Isaiah 40 but Baruch expresses the same sentiments. For the return from Exile, Jerusalem is summoned to rejoice as the Lord brings them back home (First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9). As the Christian community await the coming of the Lord, St. Paul, from prison, urges them to increase in their love (Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6,8-11).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: ‘What marvels the Lord worked for us, indeed we were glad.’ (Ps 125/126:3)

You may like to say this as a meditation on your Rosary.

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday	Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday	Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14
Wednesday	Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday	Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15
Friday	Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday	Ecclesiasticus 48:1-4; 9-11; Matthew 17:10-13

PARISH NOTICES

Retiring Collection this weekend: Poor Parishes Fund.

Catholic Quiz: Last week’s answer: 5. This week’s question: Who was the father of St. Joseph?

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.

The contactless machine takes donations of £2.00, £5.00 and £10.00. It is an easy way to donate to the Parish if you would like to use it.

Fairtrade: This will be available this weekend. Christmas decorations will also be on sale.

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

Thank you to all who were involved last Sunday morning and watched the video shown by the Friends of the Holy Land.

Churches Together in Headington Christmas Cards are packed together into street bundles. It would be a great help if you live in a particular street if you could help deliver them. Thank you.

Christmas Masses will be as usual: Christmas Eve: 6.00pm First Mass of Christmas; 11.30pm Vigil Carol Service followed by Midnight Mass; Christmas Day: 9.00am and 11.00am Mass at Corpus Christi and 10.00am at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wheatley.

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 9th**. She has a JustGiving page and her target is £30.

Advent Service: December 16th 3.00pm. This will consist of reflections and Advent music and a good way to mark the Advent Season spiritually. Afterwards there will be mulled wine and mince pies at the back of the Church. 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 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.

£70 has been donated from the **9am Mass Coffee takings** to each of CAFOD and The Friends of the Holy Land.

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: some of the photos of Jadwiga and John from the Parish Holy Land pilgrimage have been made into Christmas cards at 50p each. There are still some for sale.

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 : 2nd December: Loose: £702.12 Gift Aid: £203.11

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:

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.