



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



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Sunday 6th January 2019 Solemnity of the Epiphany

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| Saturday | Our Lady of Lourdes | 6.00 pm For the People of the Parish |
| Sunday | Corpus Christi | 9.00 am Gerry Harvey |
| | Corpus Christi | 11.00 am Ann Coyne.Margarite da Costa |
| | | 6.30 pm |

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

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| Monday | 7 th | 9.15am | 6.30pm |
| Tuesday | 8 th | 9.15am | 6.30pm |
| Wednesday | 9 th | 9.15am | 6.30pm |
| Thursday | 10 th | No Morning Mass | 6.30pm |
| Friday | 11 th | 9.15am; 11.00am Requiem Elizabeth Mirecka-Gonzalez | 6.30pm |
| Saturday | 12 th | 10.00am | |

A short period of Adoration and then Benediction normally take place immediately after the 9.15am Mass on Fridays.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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| | 12 th | Our Lady of Lourdes | 6.00 pm |
| Sunday | 13 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

Only in the Gospel of Matthew do we find the account of the Magi. It is full of wonderful imagery – the magi journeying, the star, the wicked king Herod, the gifts. It is possible that the magi were astrologers from Persia but whatever their origin they represent the revelation to the gentiles (Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12). The text of Isaiah is expansive opening up to all the peoples bringing gifts to Jerusalem (First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6). The mystery talked of by St. Paul is precisely the revelation to the gentiles (Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: “All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.” (Ps 71/72:11).

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

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

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| Monday | 1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17,23-25 |
| Tuesday | 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44 |
| Wednesday | 1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52 |
| Thursday | 1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22 |
| Friday | 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16 |
| Saturday | 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30 |

PARISH NOTICES

May the love, peace and joy of the newborn Saviour be with you and your families this Christmas and throughout 2019. A very happy and grace-filled New Year to you all. Fr. Mervyn.

Thank you sincerely for all your gifts, cards and offerings to me personally. It is very generous of you all. Fr. Mervyn

Catholic Quiz: Last week’s answer: Archelaus. This week’s question: When do Orthodox Christians celebrate the Nativity of the Lord?

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.

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.

Homeless Appeal: We are collecting donations for 2 charities which work with the homeless of Oxford. **New items:** men’s underwear, socks, gloves (fleece/sturdy gloves) deodorants,

razors, shaving cream, shampoo and shower gel. All donations go to the Oxford Gatehouse charity and the Oxford Winter Night Shelter. For more information see:

<https://oxfordgatehouse.org> and <https://www.ownsoxford.org.uk>

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

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School: require a new Deputy Headteacher. Please see notice at back of Church.

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.

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.

Catholic Diocesan Directories: there are copies at the back of the Church. Please take one if you would like to have one.

Live Simply – thank you to everyone who contributed to the Live Simply Christmas with ideas and contributions to the Salvation Army Toy appeal and the continuing collection for the homeless. The next meeting of the Live Simply group, when we will plan the ongoing campaign, will be on Thursday January 10th at 7.30 in the Quiet Room at Corpus Christi – everyone welcome.

Sunday January 20th will be the celebration of El Santo Nino of Cebu. All are invited to bring statues of El Santo Nino which will be blessed at the end of all the Masses.

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!!

House/cleaner/lauderer required: 8 hours a week for the Presbytery and Parish Hall. Please see Peter Selwood or Fr. Mervyn for rates of pay, terms and conditions.

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 catholiceadington@gmail.com.

Thursday Lunch Club: January diet? Too many chocolates for Christmas? You can put spare chocolates in the Thursday Lunch Club raffle, just leave them, marked TLC, in the sacristy. Many thanks for all the lovely donations.

Thursday Lunch Club: do you have some time once a month to help with washing up? (From 1.15 on first Thursday afternoon.) If you can help please ring Katya Drummond on 01865 763161.

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 : 30th December: Loose: £665.64 Gift Aid: £129.18

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, Diana Diamond, 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, Francis |Lucraft, Victoria Maceda, Carmel McGarry, R. J. Matava, Averil Nathaniels, Ameia Padua, Anna Panter, 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.