



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



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**Corpus Christi Church**  
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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019 The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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 George**  
**6.30 pm**

<b>Feast/Intention</b>	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>The Priory</b>
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**Weekday Masses; Cycle C: Breviary Week 3**

Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Ana Lucia	6.30pm
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	6.30pm
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	6.30pm
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	No morning Mass	6.30pm
Friday	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	6.30pm
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am St. Chad. Elena Lumbre	

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

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	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

We continue reading from Luke's sermon on the plain. It is similar to Matthew's Sermon on the Mount but emphasizes the Lucan themes of compassion and endless forgiveness. The rewards are unparalleled (Gospel: Luke 6:27-38). Saul's jealousy of David leads him to try to hunt him out and kill him. But David has an opportunity to kill Saul himself. However, he forgives him (First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23). Paul compares Adam and Jesus. The latter is a mere body whereas Christ is a living spirit (Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: "My soul give thanks to the Lord, all my being bless his holy name (Ps 101/102:1).

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

### Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday	Ecclesiasticus 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29
Tuesday	Ecclesiasticus 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37
Wednesday	Ecclesiasticus 4:11-19; Mark 9:38-40
Thursday	Ecclesiasticus 5:1-8; Mark 9:41-50
Friday	Philippians 3:8-14; Matthew 5:13-16
Saturday	Romans 12:3-13; Luke 10:1-9

### PARISH NOTICES

**Priory Prayers:** Please join us for Ecumenical Prayers at the Priory, Old High Street on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7.45pm, led by members of Lime Walk Methodist Church. Everyone welcome!

**Fairtrade Fortnight** 25<sup>th</sup> February – 10<sup>th</sup> March – **Chocolate theme.** The focus this year is on campaigning for a living income to become a reality for Cocoa Farmers in West Africa. They need to earn £1.86 a day to achieve a living income but currently in the Ivory Coast a typical Cocoa Farmer lives on around 74p a day. Come and add your support. There will be plenty of chocolate available at the monthly Fairtrade stalls to be held after the 6.00, 9.00 and 11.00 am Masses next weekend.

**Global Healing – Film Event - this Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.00pm at Corpus Christi.** Come and join us for a free and inspiring evening of film responding together to Pope Francis' call to care for creation and to pass on a healthy planet to our children's children. The evening will begin with a Bring and Share Supper – there are sign up sheets at the back of both churches. Pope Francis says: "We cannot allow our seas and oceans to be littered by endless fields of floating plastic." Let us show our love for Creation – by Giving up Plastic for Lent – more details of our Plastic Challenge next weekend March 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>.

**CEILIDH & HOG ROAST** – Friends of the Holy Land is a charity that is making a difference to the lives of vulnerable Christians in the Holy Land. To support this we are holding a Ceilidh and Hog Roast on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 7.00 – 11.00pm at Banbury Rugby Club.** Tickets are £20.00 per adult and £5.00 per child. Licensed bar available. For tickets see Roy 07885 619314 or contact the Parish Office.

**Kath Hill's 90<sup>th</sup>:** We are having a 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday party at 7.30pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at the Marston Royal British Legion Club and anyone who knows Kath would be very welcome.

**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:** 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!!

**Catholic Quiz:** Last week's answer: St. Ignatius of Loyola. This week's question: In which town did Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco see Our Lady?

**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.

**Homeless Appeal:** Thank you for all the donations of gloves and socks we have received so far. We are now collecting for the Oxford Winter Night Shelter which operates from a number of churches between January and March. They have written requesting donations of: individual porridge pots, pot noodles, individually wrapped biscuits like Kit Kats, Penguin chocolate biscuits. Please leave donations in the box marked "Homeless Appeal" at the back of the Churches .More information see: <https://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.

**Community Emergency Foodbank, Oxford:** Donations of tinned and packet food can be left in the Foodbank box at the back of both Churches. Since the introduction of Universal Credit to Oxford in 2017 there has been a 27% increase in the number of referrals to this foodbank. More information about their work can be found at <http://www.cefoxford.co.uk> Financial donations can be made via [www.justgiving.com/communityemergency-foodbank](http://www.justgiving.com/communityemergency-foodbank)

**St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School:** requires a new Deputy Headteacher. Please see notice board 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.

**Friends of the Holy Land:** Please contact Denis Duggan at [dgd73uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dgd73uk@yahoo.co.uk) if you would like to join this group.

**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:** 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 :** 17<sup>th</sup> February: Loose: £554.76 Gift Aid: £208.57

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 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.

#### **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.**

