



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



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Sunday 10th March 2019 The First Sunday in Lent

Saturday	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	Corpus Christi	9.00 am	Dunleavy
	Corpus Christi	11.00 am	Encarnacion Servano
		6.30 pm	David Davies/Thanksgiving
	Feast/Intention	Corpus Christi	The Priory

Weekday Masses; Cycle C: Breviary Week 1

Monday	11 th	9.15am Aliya	6.30pm
Tuesday	12 th	9.15am Encarnacion Servano	6.30pm
Wednesday	13 th	9.15am Felix Yebra. Davis Mathew	6.30pm
Thursday	14 th	No morning Mass	6.30pm
		6.00pm Reception: Anna Panter	
Friday	15 th	10.30am Requiem: Anna Panter	6.30pm
		6.30pm Stations of the Cross (Tolkien)	
Saturday	16 th	10.00am	

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

Second Sunday of Lent

	16 th	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm
Sunday	17 th	Corpus Christi	9.00 am Frank Campell
		Corpus Christi	11.00 am Katalin Soos
		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

The Gospel on the First Sunday of Lent is always that of Temptations, this year according to Luke. He records three temptations, as does Matthew, but the last two are in a different order. The first temptation is greed, the second glory and fame, the third power and control. The one can lead to the other. Jesus conquers all (Gospel: Luke 4:1-13). The First Readings of the Sundays of Lent are reflections on major events in the life of God's people. Today it is the command of Moses to remember, at the time of the harvest, the Exodus from Egypt (First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10). St. Paul talks about the faith uniting Jew and gentile (Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13)

Responsorial Psalm meditation: "My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust." (Ps 90/91:2). You may like to say this as a meditation on your Rosary.

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18; Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday	Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32
Thursday	Esther 4:17; Matthew 7:7-12
Friday	Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday	Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

PARISH NOTICES

Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday, 6.30pm at Corpus Christi. As usual we alternate between the Traditional and Tolkien Stations.

Please read the Letter to the Parishioners about the imminent building work in the Quiet Room and the Presbytery.

Give up Plastic for Lent: Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Lourdes Lent Plastic Challenge. Let's give up some plastic for Lent – the focus this week: Avoid water and drinks in single-use plastic bottles, one of the most common types of litter on beaches. If you like having water with you when you're out and about, go to <https://www.refilloxford.org/> and download the Refill App. This tells you where you can refill your bottle, free, at any one of 150 places in Oxford.

Suggestions for a Positive Lent are at the back of the Churches. Some of you might find some helpful ideas.

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday 15th March. Family Fast day is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family; like Mahinur from Bangladesh. She makes a living from fishing but a drought last year killed all the fish, and she's struggling to support her disabled husband and son. On Friday 15th March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Mahinur?

Homeless: The Sleepout for the homeless has been postponed. Our thanks to everyone who signed up to sponsor Sula Wiltshire and Peter Bean. Unfortunately we have had to defer your sponsorship. We hope the event will be organised for later in the year and will keep you informed through the Bulletin.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our appeal in support of the Oxford Winter Night Shelter. A large number of items of clothing and food have been given to the Oxford Winter Night Shelter and O'Hanlon House since the appeal was launched in December. **Our appeal has now ended.** For information on homelessness in Oxford please see <https://homelessoxfordshire.uk>

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

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: 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!!

Catholic Quiz: Last week's answer: 14 years. This week's question: Who were the sons of Joseph according to Genesis:

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 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

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 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.

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 : 3rd March: Loose: £589.66 Gift Aid: £215 St. Chad's: £225.45
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, especially Franzi Steiner & Anna Panter

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

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.

