



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



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31st March 2019 The Fourth Sunday in Lent–Laetare Sunday-Mothering Sunday

Saturday	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	Corpus Christi	9.00 am	Ken & Clare Sheahan
	Corpus Christi	11.00 am	George Hutty
		6.30 pm	

Feast/Intention	Corpus Christi	The Priory
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Weekday Masses; Cycle C: Breviary Week 4

Monday	1 st April	9.15am	6.30pm
Tuesday	2 nd	9.15am	6.30pm
Wednesday	3 rd	9.15am	6.30pm
Thursday	4 th	No morning Mass	6.30pm
Friday	5 th	8.45am; 11.15am Funeral Service: Stewart Philip Green	6.30pm
		6.30pm Stations of the Cross (Traditional)	
Saturday	6 th	10.00am	

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

	6 th	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm
Sunday	7 th	Corpus Christi	9.00 am Felix Yebra
		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

The parable of the Prodigal Son – or rather the Prodigal Father – is found only in Luke's Gospel. It brings out some major themes of Luke – the compassion of the Lord, the coming back into the centre of those outside and the immense forgiveness of God. These aspects are not understood by the elder son (standing for the existing religious establishment) who is stubbornly convinced of his own rights (Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11-32). Joshua recounts the first Passover in the Land. It is a sign that the wandering has ceased (First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12). Paul talks of the reconciliation with God won through Christ (Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

Responsorial Psalm meditation: "I will bless the Lord at all times." (Ps 33/34:1).

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

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday	Isaiah 65: 17-21; John 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-3,5-16
Wednesday	Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30
Thursday	Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47
Friday	Wisdom 2:1, 12-22; John 7:1-2,10,25-30
Saturday	Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-52

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 building work in the Quiet Room and the Presbytery.

Lent Plastic Challenge: Let's give up some plastic for Lent – the focus this week: Keep a reusable cup or mug with you: many coffee shops will give a discount if you don't need a takeaway (plastic-lined) cup.

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

CAFOD Emergency Cyclone Idai Appeal – 2nd Collection: Please support the second collection appeal; gift aid envelopes are available and the contactless unit can be used to make donations which will give food, clean water and healthcare to people in desperate need. CAFOD's expert working with the Church in Mozambique, Gabriel, has written: "We know that Idai has wiped out crops and livestock, damaged water supplies and wrecked sanitation facilities, leaving vulnerable families even more exposed. With the support and generosity of the Catholic community, we can reach the people who really need urgent emergency aid."

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Record Collection Thank you for your generous donations to the CAFOD collection for planned projects which amounted to £1,428.34, a parish record. When gift-aid is added, it will be well in excess of £1500.

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. No presents please but donations to cancer research.

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 David McGough 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!!

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.

Gift Aid: would you please consider – if you are a tax payer – signing the Gift Aid form and handing it in to the Parish.

Gift Aid: For parishioners in the Gift Aid scheme, please collect your new **Box of Weekly Envelopes** from Pat Warnock at the back of Church today. Thank you.

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. Fr. Mervyn's homily from last Sunday about four 'marks' of the Church is on audio 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.

The League of Friends at the JR are short of volunteers. Anyone interested please contact David Simpson on 01865 220997, email LeagueOfFriends-JR@ouh.nhs.uk

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 : 24th March: Loose: £608.95 Gift Aid: £113
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

**Music: 9.00 am Kate; 11.00 Leo & Randy 6.30 pm
Clare**

Altar Servers: Chris Barrie

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.

