



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



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Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
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Sunday 3rd March 2019 The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday	Corpus Christi	9.00 am	Paddy Fergerson
	Corpus Christi	11.00 am	Encarnacion
		6.30 pm	Thanksgiving

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

Monday	4 th	10.15am at St. Luke's	6.30pm
Tuesday	5 th	9.15am Encarnacion	6.30pm
ASH WEDNESDAY	6 th	9.15am Inocencia Reyes	
		7.00pm	
Thursday	7 th	No morning Mass	6.30pm
Friday	8 th	9.15am Encarnacion	6.30pm
		6.30pm Stations of the Cross (Traditional)	
Saturday	9 th	10.00am Freya Hewitt	

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

First Sunday of Lent

	9 th	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm
Sunday	10 th	Corpus Christi	9.00 am
		Corpus Christi	11.00 am Encarnacion Servano
		Corpus Christi	6.30 pm David Davies

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

Jesus continues to address his disciples in the Sermon on the Plain emphasizing the integrity of the teacher. Once again he gives a vivid example to teach against hypocrisy – the plank in the eye. Using the analogy of the tree he argues that good fruit can come out of only good trees and vice versa (Gospel: Luke 6:39-45). The Book of Sirac (Ecclesiasticus) covers a wide range of topics originally intended for teaching young men how to get on in life while keeping the ways of the Lord. The way someone speaks reveals what he is like (First Reading: Sirac 27:4-7). Paul talks of the power of the resurrection destroying all death and decay (Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-48).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: “It is good to give thanks to the Lord. (Ps 91/92:1).
You may like to say this as a meditation on your Rosary.

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday	Ecclesiasticus 17:24-29; Mark 10:17-27
Tuesday	Ecclesiasticus 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31
Wednesday	Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
Friday	Isaiah 58:1-9; Matthew 9:14-15
Saturday	Isaiah 58:9-14; Luke 5:27-32

PARISH NOTICES

Second Collection this weekend for the Maintenance of the Cathedral.

ASH WEDNESDAY, this Wednesday, is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence. Masses are 9.15am and 7.00pm at Corpus Christi and 12.00 Noon at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wheatley.

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.

Fairtrade Fortnight 25th February – 10th 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.

Give up Plastic for Lent: join Pope Francis in caring for our common home by using less plastic, starting this Lent. Ideas about how to do this will be available in a leaflet.

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

Sula & Peter are undertaking the **sleepout for the homeless on March 16th**. We hope that you will support us through sponsoring us. There are 2 ways you can do this, either by using the just giving link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sula-wiltshire> or by signing the forms at the back of church. Thank you in anticipation of your support for this needy cause.

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: Fatima. This week's question: After his conversion on the road to Damascus, for how many years did Paul go to Arabia?

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 : 24th February: Loose: £576.35 Gift Aid: £159
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

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

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.

