



**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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**Our Lady of Lourdes Church,**  
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**St Gregory the Great Secondary School. T: 01865 749933**

**14<sup>th</sup> April 2019 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

**Saturday Our Lady of Lourdes 10.00am**  
**Sunday Corpus Christi 9.00 am Devassy Family**  
**Corpus Christi 11.00 am George Kutty**  
**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 2**

Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	6.30pm
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Jim Flanagan	6.30pm
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>8.00am</b>	
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup>	No morning Mass	

**SACRED TRIDUUM**

**8.00pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER; WATCHING AND  
COMPLINE AT 11.00PM**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Divine Office 10.00am Children's Stations  
**3.00pm SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION AND DEATH OF THE LORD**  
6.30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Divine Office

**8.00PM EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT**

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

**SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Corpus Christi	9.00 am Filipino Community of Oxfordshire
		Our Lady of Lourdes	10.00 am For the People of the Parish
		Corpus Christi	11.00 am Sonia and Josh
		Corpus Christi	6.30 pm Anna Panter

**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**

Holy Week begins with the commemoration of the solemn Entry of the Lord into the Holy City of Jerusalem. The Gospel of the Entry is a reminder of how Jesus is displaying the reign of God's peace as he rides in on a donkey (Gospel at Entry: Luke 19:28-40). The third Song of the Suffering Servant emphasizes the insults he receives (First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7). Only through such suffering and self-abasement does God raise Jesus to become the centre of cosmic adoration (Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11). Luke's Passion Narrative is gentler than that of Matthew and Mark and stresses the loving forgiveness of God (Luke 22:14-23:56)

Responsorial Psalm meditation: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me" (Ps 21/22:1).  
You may like to say this as a meditation on your Rosary.

### **Scripture Readings for the week ahead**

Monday Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11  
Tuesday Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38  
Wednesday Isaiah 50:4-9; Matthew 26:14-25E  
Thursday Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-15  
Friday  
Saturday

### **PARISH NOTICES**

**Monday April 15<sup>th</sup> 6.00 – 7.00pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation: There will be a visiting priest for Confessions. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during this time.**

**Stations of the Cross will take place this Good Friday, 10.00am for children and 6.30pm in Corpus Christi Hall. They will be the traditional Stations.**

**Advance Noticed: Curry Night on 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 5.00pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets £10.**

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

**Lent Plastic Challenge: In this final week of Lent, let's AVOID as much plastic as possible: water in single-use bottles, plastic wrapping, wet-wipes, throw-away cups and soap in a bottle – all our aims in one week! For practical ideas for a clean home without plastic, see <https://friendsoftheearth.uk/plastics>**

**St. Gregory the Great School: we are looking for new governors. If anyone is interested please contact Fr. Mervyn. Governors can make a real contribution and difference to our children's education.**

**Nuffield Hospital: if anyone would be able to help with the taking of Holy Communion to the sick in hospital would she/he please contact Fr. Mervyn. If he/she is not yet a Eucharistic Minister this can be arranged.**

**Thank you to all who bought a CD of Corpus Christi Children's Choir singing Christmas music. Thank you most importantly to Lizel and all the children and adults who made this possible. We have raised over £3,500 for the Parish through the sales.**

**Church Cleaners: Please check the list each week so that the Church is cleaned regularly.**

**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 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.

**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](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.

**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](mailto: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](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.

**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 : 7<sup>th</sup> April: Loose: £693.58 Gift Aid: £353**  
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 Franz 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**

**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.**