



**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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St Gregory the Great Secondary School. T: 01865 749933

7th April 2019 The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Saturday Our Lady of Lourdes 6.00 pm For the People of the Parish
Sunday Corpus Christi 9.00 am Felix Yebra
Corpus Christi 11.00 am
6.30 pm

Feast/Intention	Corpus Christi	The Priory
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Weekday Masses; Cycle C: Breviary Week 1

Monday	8 th	9.15am Faithful departed of Toftali family	6.30pm
Tuesday	9 th	9.15am Davis family	6.30pm
Wednesday	10 th	9.15am Devassy family	6.30pm
Thursday	11 th	No morning Mass	6.30pm
Friday	12 th	9.15am Ginitha Naijo	6.30pm
		6.30pm Stations of the Cross (Tolkien)	
Saturday	13 th	10.00am	

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

	13 th	Our Lady of Lourdes	6.00 pm
Sunday	14 th	Corpus Christi	9.00 am Devassy family
		Corpus Christi	11.00 am George Kutty
		Corpus Christi	6.30 pm For the People of the Parish

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

Some of the earliest manuscripts of John's Gospel do not contain the account of the adulterous woman. But it was accepted by the early Church as part of the Canonical text and it contains truths relevant throughout the centuries, especially "Let the one without sin cast the first stone" (Gospel: John 8: 1-11). God promises to bring his people back from Exile with total renewal (First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21). Paul from prison, traditionally Rome, reflects the treasure of Christ and his running to gain this prize (Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: "What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad" (Ps 125/126:3). You may like to say this as a meditation on your Rosary.

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday Daniel 13:1-9,15-17.19-30,33-62: John 8:12-20
Tuesday Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30
Wednesday Daniel 3:14-20,24-25,28; John 8:31-42
Thursday Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59
Friday Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42
Saturday Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

PARISH NOTICES

Sacrament of Penance: There will be a visiting priest here for Confessions on Monday 15th April from 6.00 to 7.00pm. During this time there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This is a good opportunity for Holy Week.

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 is "Soap in a bar, not a bottle – just as clean without the plastic!" For practical ideas for a clean home without plastic, see <https://friendsoftheearth.uk/plastics>

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: Thank you for the generous donations to last week's second collection. The total of cash, cheques and contactless payments came to £1,193.27. Nearly half was gift-aided so the final total is £1,334.77.

St. Gregory the Great School: we are looking for new governors. If any one 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.

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

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.

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 : 31st March: Loose: £553.93 Gift Aid: £163.50 CAFOD Cyclone Appeal £1015.27
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.

