



# 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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## 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Third Sunday of Easter

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|               | <b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b> | <b>6.00 pm Sian Stow</b>                     |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>Corpus Christi</b>      | <b>9.00 am Muriel Bean</b>                   |
|               | <b>Corpus Christi</b>      | <b>11.00 am For the People of the Parish</b> |
|               |                            | <b>6.30 pm Private Intention</b>             |

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| <b>Feast/Intention</b> | <b>Corpus Christi</b> | <b>The Priory</b> |
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### Weekday Masses; Cycle C: Breviary: Week 3

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| Monday    | 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.15am at St. Luke's. All welcome | 6.30pm |
| Tuesday   | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.15am                             | 6.30pm |
| Wednesday | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.15am John & Margaret Partridge   | 6.30pm |
| Thursday  | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | No morning                         | 6.30pm |
| Friday    | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 9.15am Jim Flanagan                | 6.30pm |
| Saturday  | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am                            |        |

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

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

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| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Our Lady of Lourdes | 6.00 pm  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Corpus Christi      | 9.00 am  |
|                  | 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**

John Chapter 21 is an appendix to the rest of the Gospel which would appear to have ended originally at 20:31. But the appendix gives us the wonderful account of the third post-Resurrection appearance of Jesus. Back at work in Galilee, the disciples, above all Peter, are taught once again that the Resurrection changes completely the direction of their lives (Gospel: John 21:1-19). In the first half of the Acts it is consistently Peter who leads the others in the proclamation of the truth, here to the Sanhedrin (First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41). After the Letters to the 7 Churches, John has initial visions of the praise of the choirs of heaven to the Lamb, that is Jesus, the true paschal lamb (Second Reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: "I will praise you Lord you have rescued me" (Ps 29/30:1). You may like to say this as a meditation on your Rosary.

#### Scripture Readings for the week ahead

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| Monday    | Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29   |
| Tuesday   | Acts 7:51-8:1; John 6:30-35 |
| Wednesday | Acts 8:1-8; John 6:35-40    |
| Thursday  | Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51  |
| Friday    | Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59   |
| Saturday  | Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69  |

#### PARISH NOTICES

**Next weekend there is the annual retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund.**

**On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**, children are invited to bring flowers from home to place at the Mary Altar during the last hymn at any of the Sunday Masses.

**At the Sunday Masses on 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May**, Stephen, who is the Youth Officer for Oxfordshire, is going to talk about possible youth activities for the Deanery.

**Secular Franciscan Order**, Oxford Fraternity Open Day of Recollection on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May from 9.30-16.00, at Mornese Centre, Elmthorpe Convent, Oxford Road, Cowley, Oxford, OX4 2LF. Bring Packed Lunch. Suggested offering £10. Open to all. Further information: Michael Martin, Tel: 01235 526346

**Monday May 20<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.**

**Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup> 7.00pm: Parish Finance Committee Meeting.**

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

**St. Gregory the Great School: Deputy Head:** This post is now being advertised. Closing date for applications Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> (9.00am); interviews: Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. **English Teacher** with GCSE and A Level Experience required to start September 2019. **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.

**Oxford City-Wide Mission: May 25<sup>th</sup> – June 14<sup>th</sup> 2020. More details later. Prayer Cards at back of churches.**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 at 6.00pm:** 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. This is now full.

**Please check each week in the Newsletter whether or not there is Mass at the Priory.**

**The Live Simply Book of Recipes and Tips:** The Parish is producing a new book of parishioners' recipes and tips to enable us to share ideas on living more simply and sustainably. Cards with information will be distributed after Mass. Please email your recipes and tips to [livesimplyrecipe@gmail.com](mailto:livesimplyrecipe@gmail.com) or leave your recipe in the box at the back of Church. Don't delay – send your recipe today!

**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.

**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.ceford.co.uk> Financial donations can be made via [www.justgiving.com/communityemergency-foodbank](http://www.justgiving.com/communityemergency-foodbank)

**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 :** 28<sup>th</sup> April: Loose £739.09. Gift Aid: £266.50

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 Kevin Tod, Vera Barker and Sian Stow

**Parish Team Members**

**Parish Safeguarding: Kate Gills**

**Gift Aid: Pat Warnock**

**Health and Safety: John Kelly**

**Eucharistic Ministers Co-ordinators:**

**Finance Committee: Chris Barrie**

**Freda (Wheatley); Various (Corpus Christi)**

**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.**