



# CORPUS CHRISTI

ST. ALPHONSUS AND ST. MARGARET RC CHURCH

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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**Mass Times: Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul (Cycle C)**

**Today there is a Second Collection for Peter's Pence**

Saturday 29 June Wheatley 6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 30 June Corpus Christi 9.00am Patrick White

11.00am Margarida de Olivera da Costa

6.30pm Nancy (Annie) Lyons

**Weekday Masses; Year 1 Breviary Week 4.**

July	Corpus Christi	Intention	The Priory*
Monday 1	<b>10.15am at St Lukes</b>	Elzbieta Nieminuszczy	6.30pm
Tuesday 2	9.15am	Patrick & Agnes Mulvey	6.30pm
Wednesday 3	9.15am	Arthur and Gertie Treanor	6.30pm
Thursday 4	<b>No morning Mass</b>		6.30pm
Friday 5	9.15am	George Kutty	6.30pm
Saturday 6	10.00am	Filipino Independence Day Mass	

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

Adoration and Benediction normally follow the 9.15am Mass on Fridays.

There is 24/7 Live Internet Camera operating in Corpus Christi Church.

**Next weekend: 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C**

Saturday 6 July Wheatley 6.00pm People of the Parish

Sunday 7 July Corpus Christi 9.00am Dado Macasero

11.00am Yebra Family

6.30pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confessions): Sat 10.30 to 11.00 am and on call.

**Baptisms** by appointment, normally first Sunday of the month at 12.30 pm.

**Marriages** normally require six months' notice.

We are a



Parish

## Welcome

visitors and new Parishioners!

If you have moved to the area, or have recently joined our Church Community, please speak to Fr Mervyn and take one of the welcome leaflets from the back of the Church. There is also a Registration Form (which also includes a Gift Aid registration form) which we hope you will complete for the Parish records.

**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.

### Dates for your diary

**TODAY Soul Food** (see over).

Young people must bring a signed permission letter with them, copies available at back of Church.

**Saturday 6 July 10am**

**Araw ng Kasarinlan**

**Filipino Independence Day Mass**

**Weekend 13 & 14 July All Masses:**

**Live Simply Creation Celebration**

Mass to give thanks for the gift of creation and pray for our common home.

### Offertory Collections

**Sunday 23 June**

Loose £435.88 Gift Aid £160.55

Thank you for your generosity.

### Have you used the Contactless Payment unit?

You can make contributions to the Parish (or to second collections) by tapping your credit or debit card on the unit at the back of Church. You can choose to pay £2, £5, or £10.

## Scripture Reflection

Today's celebration affords an opportunity to thank God for the Princes of the Apostles and to reflect upon their guidance of the Church. Both of them were instrumental in consolidating the beginnings and spread of the Faith after Pentecost. The Acts make it abundantly clear that it is Peter who is the undoubted leader of the Church as he preaches, heals and is persecuted just like the Lord (1st Reading: Acts 12:1-11). This, of course, is part of God's plan, revealed to Peter as he professes Jesus to be the Messiah. Jesus' response and promise is fullest in Matthew's account (Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19). Paul sums up his own life to Timothy, a life full of the power of God. The story is told in the Acts and the biographical parts of the 13 Letters of the New Testament attributed to him (2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18).

**Psalm prayer: "I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips" (Ps 33/34:2)** You may like to say this as a meditation on your Rosary.

### Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday Genesis 18:16-33; Ps 102; Matthew 8:18-22

Tuesday Genesis 19:15-29; Ps 25; Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday Ephesians 2: 19-22; Ps 116; John 20:24-29

Thursday Genesis 22:1-19; Ps 114; Matthew 9:1-8

Friday Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 105; Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 134; Matthew 9:14-17

## 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.

## Parish Notices

### IICSA Update - from the Archbishop of Birmingham

Last week the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) published its report on the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

We apologise to all victims and survivors of child sex abuse. We hope that with this Inquiry they feel that they have been listened to; even so, words are not enough.

We are committed to continuing to improve our safeguarding procedures and to listen to and learn from victims and survivors. Past failings must never happen again.

The diocesan response to the report can be found at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

If you have a safeguarding matter to report please contact the Archdiocese safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 or via email: [safeguarding@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:safeguarding@rc-birmingham.org).

### Aged 11-18? Soul Food is Today!

**Soul Food** is a new, monthly initiative for young people in Oxford, starting next **Sunday**, 12.15pm – 2pm at Corpus Christi. The afternoon involves, icebreakers, activities, discussion, a short talk pitched at young people, prayer and very importantly **PIZZA**. It's completely free and it's open to all young people aged 11-18. **Young people attending must bring signed permission letter with them, copies available at back of Church.**



### Villa Palazzola

is a magnificent building in a magnificent site on Lake Albano opposite the Papal Palace at Castel Gandolfo. It is owned by

### Best view in Italy!



the Venerable English College in Rome. It is open all-year round (though some weeks are restricted for the College) and is available to book for individuals, families or any groups for holidays and retreats etc. It is highly recommended by the Parish Priest of Corpus Christi! As students in Rome, we used to call the Villa 'L'Antecamera del Paradiso' – the Antechamber of Paradise! Visit [www.palazzola.it](http://www.palazzola.it) for more details.

Contact details for Parish Groups can be found in the welcome leaflet at the back of the Churches.

## 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, Margaret McHugh, R. J. Matava, Averil Nathaniels, Ameia Padua, Celine Peiris, Peter Perera, Rachel Smith, Alba Thorning, Jack Tilley, Ruth Tilley, Aileen Vangramberg, Diana Walden, Mary Wallace, Pat Walsh, Liz Ward, Louise Williams.

**and all who have recently died, especially Annie Lyons.**



### Sponsored Sleepout - Saturday 6 July

Peter and Sula will be sleeping out for the homeless and we hope that parishioners will sponsor them. There are two 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.

As is very apparent homelessness is unfortunately becoming more common. All monies raised will be managed by Aspire which supports the homeless.

Thank you in anticipation of your support for this needy cause.

### Thanks to all who organised the magnificent Curry Night!



### Coffee after Mass

Please stay for coffee to meet other parishioners after 6pm Mass at Wheatley, and 9am, 11am and 6.30pm Masses at Corpus Christi.

**Gift Aid - every £1 becomes £1.25** If you are a tax-payer, please consider signing the Gift Aid form which enables us to claim back the tax you have paid on your donations. The new Registration form at the back of the Church has a Gift Aid form which you can complete and return to Fr Mervyn or Pat Warnock, the Gift Aid Organiser.

**Nuffield Hospital:** Can you help by taking Holy Communion to those in this hospital? Please contact Fr. Mervyn. Commissioning as a Eucharistic Minister can be arranged.

**Churchill Hospital:** The League of Friends are in need of any willing volunteers.

**Foodbank donations:** Please remember people in need in Oxfordshire and bring a donation if possible for the Foodbank box at the back of the Churches.

**Children's safety:** the Parish Council is concerned that for their safety children are not allowed to run freely around during Mass.

**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.



**Parking:** Please park legally in the streets around the Church; neighbours, understandably, are concerned.

**Mobile Phones:** Please ensure that your mobile phones are silent during Mass.



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