



CORPUS CHRISTI

ST. ALPHONSUS AND ST. MARGARET RC CHURCH

Margaret Road, Headington, OX3 8AJ

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

Crown Road, Wheatley, OX33 1UL

www.corpuschristiheadington.co.uk

Birmingham Roman Catholic diocesan trustees, Registered Charity No. 234216



Parish Priest: Rev. Canon Mervyn Tower

The Presbytery, 88 Wharton Road, Oxford, OX3 8AJ.

Parish Administrator: Peter Selwood (Mon & Wed mornings),

through whom bookings for Parish Hall etc can be made.

t: 01865 762433; e: catholicheadington@gmail.com.

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Kate Gills t: 01865 750915; 07876 124284.

Parish schools:

St Joseph's Primary School; 01865 763357.

St Gregory the Great Secondary School; 01865 749933.

Mass Times: 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C



"Let us celebrate with love all that God has given us."

Pope Francis's words taken from St Joseph's School Mission Statement

Today there is a Second Collection for The Apostleship of the Sea

Saturday 13 July	Wheatley	6.00pm	Rosetta Uly
Sunday 14 July	Corpus Christi	9.00am	Frank Coffey
		11.00am	Nevin, Anna, Kriss and Leo
		6.30pm	Graham Rennie

Weekday Masses; Year 1 Breviary Week 3.

July	Corpus Christi	Intention	The Priory*
Monday 15	9.15am	Keoni Arar	6.30pm
Tuesday 16	9.00am Requiem: Brian Donovan		6.30pm
Wednesday 17	9.15am	Isabel Margaret Kay	6.30pm
Thursday 18	No morning Mass		6.30pm
Friday 19	9.15am	Fr. Motherway	6.30pm
Saturday 20	10.00am	Molly, Paddy and Gerard Brady	6.30pm

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: 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Saturday 20 July	Wheatley	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 21 July	Corpus Christi	9.00am	Peter White
		11.00am	Kevin John
		12.30pm	Baptism
		6.30pm	People of the Parish

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: Live Simply Creation Celebration
Mass to give thanks for the gift of creation and pray for our common home.

Offertory Collections

Sunday 7 July

Gift Aid £185.60 Loose £512.51

Thank you for your generosity.

Websites - and suggested site

Speaking on the importance of Communications, Pope Francis reminded us recently that the digital world is a vital place of meeting and encounter which he describes as a gift from God.

Parish: www.corpuschristiheadington.co.uk

Diocese: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Global: www.vaticannews.va/en.html

Schools: www.st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk

www.stgregory.oxon.sch.uk

This week's suggested website

Universalis which does all the calendar calculations of the Church for you, and presents you with the psalms and readings for each hour of today, every day.

<https://universalis.com>

If you would like to suggest a website for a future week, please email corpus.OLL.news@gmail.com.

Scripture Reflection

The parable of the Good Samaritan, unique to Luke, is one of the best known of the Gospels. The lawyer in the story, as all lawyers and Pharisees, wants Jesus' definition of neighbour. It is this that would be surprising to any listener, as the example par excellence is that of the despised Samaritan (Gospel: Luke 10:25-37). Jesus quotes the centre of the Torah and Deuteronomy is a reminder that the Torah is not outside but inside the person (First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14). Paul inserts an ancient Christian hymn into the text of his Letter (Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20).

Psalm prayer: "In your great love answer me O God with your help that never fails" (Ps 68/69:16) You may like to say this as a meditation on your Rosary.

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday	Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Ps 123; Matthew 10:34-11:1	Thursday	Exodus 3:13-20; Ps 104; Matthew 11:28-30
Tuesday	Exodus 2:1-15; Ps 68; Matthew 11:20-24	Friday	Exodus 11:10-12:14; Ps 115; Matthew 12:1-8
Wednesday	Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 102, Matthew 11:25-27	Saturday	Exodus 12:37-42; Ps 135; Matthew 12:14-21

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



This weekend we are celebrating Creation Masses to give thanks for the gift of creation and to pray for our common home and the current climate emergency. As Pope Francis says: *"Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation."* (Laudato Si 14)

As a Live Simply Action, perhaps we can act with Pope Francis to reduce our carbon footprints? How can we do this? Last week, in his sermon, Fr Mervyn spoke about the 5 Fs - Faith, Family, Friends, Food and Fun.

This week, let's think about the 5 Rs to reduce our carbon footprint:

- Rethink** what you actually need to buy and how far it has travelled; switch from car to bus or bike or foot; does your energy supplier use renewables? switch to peat-free compost.
- Refuse** plastic straws; refuse free gifts and other materials which waste God's creation;
- Reduce** unnecessary air travel; reduce our waste of electricity - insulate; turn off lights; turn down the thermostat; reduce our use of red meat and food wastage;
- Reuse** your own cup in coffee stalls and use refillable water bottles; reuse packaging and perfectly good items that we grow tired of; share smart clothes with a close friend if you feel you can't wear it again;
- Recycle** using clothes banks, shoe banks, and the council collections; offer items on www.freecycle.org; buy recycled products.

Please Help - Regular Parish Donations to Community Emergency Foodbank



For families whose children receive free school meals, the summer holidays can put a great strain on the family budget and many families are forced to turn for help to the Community Emergency Foodbank (CEF) Oxford.

At the moment the CEF warehouse needs the following items:

Fruit juice UHT Milk Sugar Small coffee

Tinned peas, carrots, potatoes (we have plenty of sweetcorn).

Tinned meat (we have plenty of fish).

Sauces (pasta or curry sauces) Rice pudding Custard.

Toiletries: shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, toilet roll.

Please leave donations in the box at the back of the Church

The Community Emergency Foodbank is open at:

St Francis Church, Hollow Way, OX3 7JP

on Tuesdays and Fridays between 12 noon and 2pm.

Unfortunately it is not possible to self-refer. Anyone in need of support can be referred by Citizens Advice Bureau, GP, health worker, family centre or social worker.

More information at: cefoxford.co.uk

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 Brian Donovan.



Sponsored Sleepout - Saturday 6 July

A huge thank you on behalf of the sleepout Parish team Peter, John & Sula for your sponsorship of this event last Saturday. We have raised almost £800 to date. There's still time to contribute either by using the link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sula-wiltshire> or contributions at church. All monies raised will be managed by Aspire which supports the homeless. Again a huge thanks to you all for you!

Villa Palazzola

is a magnificent building in a magnificent site on Lake Albano opposite the Papal Palace at Castel Gandolfo. It is owned by the Venerable English College in Rome. It is open all-year round (with some restrictions) and is available to book for individuals, families or any groups for holidays and retreats etc. It is highly recommended by your Parish Priest! As students in Rome, we used to call the Villa 'L'Antecamera del Paradiso' - the Antechamber of Paradise! Visit www.palazzola.it for more details.

Best view in Italy!



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.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Items for this newsletter should be sent to corpus.OLL.news@gmail.com - please write *Newsletter* in the subject line.