



CORPUS CHRISTI

ST. ALPHONSUS AND ST. MARGARET RC CHURCH

Margaret Road, Headington, OX3 8AJ

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

Crown Road, Wheatley, OX33 1UL

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Birmingham Roman Catholic diocesan trustees, Registered Charity No. 234216



Parish Priest: Rev. Canon Mervyn Tower

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Parish schools:

St Joseph's Primary School; 01865 763357.

St Gregory the Great Secondary School; 01865 749933.

Mass Times: 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C

			Intention
Saturday 27 July	Wheatley	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 28 July	Corpus Christi	9.00am	Ealy Thommam
		11.00am	Isabel Margaret White
		6.30pm	Peter White

Weekday Masses at Corpus Christi; Year 1 Breviary Week 1.

	Feast	Time	Intention
Mon 29	St Martha	9.15am	Michael & Brigid Bergin
Tues 30		9.15am	Manolita Macasero
Wed 31	St Ignatius Loyola	9.15am	Baby Macasero & Family
Thurs 1	St Alphonsus Mary de'Ligouri	<i>No morning Mass</i>	
Fri 2		9.15am	Private Intention
Sat 3		10.00am	Yebra Family

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: 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Saturday 3 August	Wheatley	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 4 August	Corpus Christi	9.00am	Yebra Family
		11.00am	Graham Rennie
		6.30pm	Special Intention

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.



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

Monday 29 July

7.45pm Priory Prayers - see over

Wednesday 31 July

7.30pm Justice & Peace Group

Sunday 4 August

New edition of *The Sower* available - see over

Sunday 11- Thursday 15 August

Diocesan Summer Camp for Young People, 11-18 at Alton Castle - see over

Tuesday 3 - Wednesday 11 September

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Sunday 1 December

1st Sunday of Advent

Offertory Collections

Sunday 21 July

Loose £586.45 Gift Aid £192.22

Thank you for your generosity.

Websites of Interest

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

Daily Prayer of the Church:

<https://universalis.com>

Scripture Reflection

While the first section of Genesis 18 is about hospitality, the second part is about its abuse. The story of Sodom is thus more about this abuse than about sexual abuse. Sodom and Gomorrah become the symbols of evil throughout the Scriptures, yet Abraham still intercedes to God for him to save Sodom for the sake of only a few just men (1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32). In Luke's account of the Our Father, shorter than that in Matthew, Jesus stresses the power of the prayer of intercession (Gospel: Luke 11:1-13). St. Paul talks of baptism as a burial with Christ which unites Jew and Gentile (2nd Reading: Colossians 2:12-14).

Psalm prayer for meditation: "I thank you Lord with all my heart." (Ps 137/138:1)

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday	Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 105; John 11 :19-27	Thursday	Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 83; Matthew 13:47-53
Tuesday	Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28; Ps 102; Matthew 13:36-43	Friday	Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37; Ps 80; Matthew 13:54-58
Wednesday	Exodus 34:29-35; Ps 98; Matthew 13:44-46	Saturday	Leviticus 25:1, 8-17; Ps 66; Matthew 14:1-12

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

Priory Prayers - Tomorrow Monday 29 July

Please come along and take the opportunity to pray Night Prayer with our fellow local Christians, this month led by St Mary's Church, Barton, followed by light refreshments.
Where? The Priory, Old Headington **When?** 7.45pm
Not been before? It doesn't matter - everybody welcome!



Aged 11 - 18? Try something different!

Places are still available on Week 2 (11th - 15th August) of Summer Camp at Alton Castle. It's a fun mixture of outdoor pursuits, engaging formation, prayer and the sacraments as well as a day at Alton Towers and a day-trip to an adventure centre.

Open to all aged 11-18. The parish can offer support to any young person who wishes to go. Local transport can be arranged.

Email stephen.harris@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk for more.

Diocesan Magazine available next week - free!

or download now at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine>

You will find many interesting articles, attractively presented. Read about:

- Diocesan plans to celebrate the Canonisation of Cardinal Newman;
- Anne's marriage to Christ as a Consecrated Virgin;
- New appointments in the Diocese... and much more.



Community Emergency Foodbank

In the summer holidays many families are forced to turn for help to the Community Emergency Foodbank. At the moment the CEF warehouse needs the following items:

Fruit juice **UHT Milk** **Sugar** **Small coffee**
Tinned: peas, carrots, potatoes, 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

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, 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, 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 Baby Macasero.

The prayer list should be reviewed regularly - please tell Fr Mervyn (or email corpus.OLL.news@gmail.com) if names can now come off the list - or if new names should be added.

Photos of First Holy Communion are still available. Contact Parish Office by email for access code.

Assisted Dying: Leaflets at the back of the Churches explain why it is so important to write to our MP in the light of the possible introduction of a Bill by Nick Boles MP. This Bill would be to attempt a legalization of assisted dying - effective euthanasia.

SPUC National Conference: 13th-15th September at Swanwick, Derbyshire. More details on the Notice Board.

Villa Palazzola is a magnificent building on Lake Albano opposite Castel Gandolfo. It is owned by 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. Visit www.palazzola.it

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.

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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