



# 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](http://www.corpuschristiheadington.co.uk)

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**We welcome everybody, especially new parishioners and visitors, to our Church.**

We are a lively multi-cultural Church community, proud to be a Fairtrade Parish, currently working towards the CAFOD Live Simply Award. If you have moved to the area, or recently joined our Church Community, please introduce yourself to Fr Mervyn and take one of the welcome leaflets from the back of the Church.

**Journey in Faith:** if you would like to know more about the Church or are considering becoming a Catholic, please contact Fr. Mervyn.



**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.

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

**Parish schools:**

St Joseph's Primary School; 01865 763357. [www.st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk)

St Gregory the Great Secondary School; 01865 749933. [www.stgregory.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.stgregory.oxon.sch.uk)

## Mass Times: 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C

August	Location	Time	Intention
Saturday 17	Wheatley	6.00 pm	People of Parish
Sunday 18	Corpus Christi	9.00 am	In thanksgiving
		11.00 am	Edgardo and Dolores (35th anniv.)
		12.30 pm	Baptism
		6.30 pm	Baby Ayah

## Weekday Masses at Corpus Christi; Year 1 Breviary Week 4.

	Time	Feast	Intention
Mon 19	9.15am	Feria	Special Intention
Tue 20	9.15am	Memorial St Bernard, Abbot	
Wed 21	9.15am	Memorial St Pius X, Pope	
Thu 22	No morning Mass	Memorial; Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Fri 23	9.15am	Feast St John Wall, Martyr	Patrick White
Sat 24	10.00am	Feast St Bartholomew	Audrey Quinn

The Priory
6.30pm
No Mass

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: 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Saturday 24	Wheatley	6.00pm	Cynthia and Colville Lobendhan
Sunday 25	Corpus Christi	9.00am	People of Parish
		11.00am	Private Intention
		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.

## Dates for your diary

**Tues 3 - Wed 11 September**

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Holy Land

**Thursday 5 September**

Live Simply Meeting 7.30pm

**Saturday 14 September**

Advance notice: Ride and Stride

**Friday 4 October**

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

**Wednesday 9 October**

Justice & Peace Group 7.30pm

## Offertory Collections

**Sunday 11 August**

Loose £628.20 Gift Aid £211.56

Thank you for your generosity.

## Websites of Interest

Parish: [www.corpuschristiheadington.co.uk](http://www.corpuschristiheadington.co.uk)

Diocese: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

Global: [www.vaticannews.va/en.html](http://www.vaticannews.va/en.html)

Daily Prayer of the Church:

<https://universalis.com>

## FAIRTRADE MYTH 2

"Anyone can stick the Fairtrade badge on their product and claim it's ethical"

*It just doesn't hold up! - see over*

## Scripture Reflection

As he continues his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about his total involvement with his mission and his ultimate death which is referred to by the word 'Baptism' (Gospel: Luke 12:49-53). Jeremiah is thrown down a well and left to die, but the King decides to rescue him (First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10). The writer of the Hebrews, after lauding the ancestors of faith, encourages all to focus on Jesus (Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4).

**Psalm prayer for meditation: "He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God" (Ps 39/40:3).**

## Scripture Readings for the week ahead:

Monday Judges 2:11-19; Ps 105; Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday Judges 6:11-24; Ps 84; Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday Judges 9:6-15; Ps 20; Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday Judges 11:29-39; Ps 39; Matthew 22:1-14

Friday 1 Corinthians 6:4-1 O; Ps 125; Luke 18:28-30

Saturday Apocalypse 21:9-14; Ps 114; John 1:45-51

## 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

### FAIRTRADE MYTH 2

**“Anyone can stick the Fairtrade badge on their product and claim it’s ethical”**



The idea that companies just slap the FAIRTRADE Mark on their products when they want to claim ethical credentials just doesn't hold up. The Mark is a registered certification label for products sourced from producers in developing countries. Products that display it must meet Fairtrade Standards, set by Fairtrade International.

These Standards apply to both producers (the farmers and workers) and traders (suppliers to the shops) and are agreed through consultation with stakeholders, including farmers' and workers' organisations, traders, independent experts and national organisations such as the Fairtrade Foundation in the UK.

If a company wants to get one of their products certified (and hence have the FAIRTRADE Mark displayed on their packaging) they have to meet all of the Standards. Any company 'just slapping the Fairtrade badge on their product' would be investigated and be open to legal action

More myths will be dispelled over the coming weeks.



### Care for our Common Home

**“Cut food waste and eat veg to save the planet”** UN Report, 8 August 2019

At our recent Creation Celebration cards (with the 5 Rs) were distributed with suggestions of reducing our carbon footprint to combat the current climate emergency, ahead of the UN report. Please take a card from the back of the church and if you have your own suggestions, please send them to the newsletter to share.

In response to pressure from the Climate Coalition, the government has committed to a Zero Carbon Emissions target by 2050. Please add your name to the CAFOD petition asking the government to put policies in place to ensure this happens - go to <https://e-activist.com/page/44225/petition/1>

**Live Simply Prayer** - you may like to say a verse of this prayer before meals.

1 Compassionate and loving God, you created the world for us all to share, a world of beauty and plenty. Create in us a desire to live simply, so that our lives may reflect your generosity.	2 Creator God, you gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight. Create in us a desire to live sustainably, so that others who follow after us may enjoy the fruits of your creation.
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3 God of peace and justice, you give us the capacity to change, to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom. Create in us a desire to act in solidarity, so that the pillars of injustice crumble and those now crushed are set free.. Amen
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**Recycling is the next Live Simply project - Watch this space!**

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, Antony Ayton, Fr. John Baggley, Patricia Barfield, Margaret Bond, Alan & Rita Booker, Christopher Browne, Pedro Busette, Nicholas Coote, Diana Diamond, David Diggens, 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, R. J. Matava, Averil Nathaniels, Melani Parana, 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 died, especially Reba Lawless.**

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. The prayer list should be reviewed regularly - if names can now come off the list or if new names should be added please send an email to: [corpus.OLL.news@gmail.com](mailto:corpus.OLL.news@gmail.com)).

## Community Emergency Foodbank needs:

<b>Fruit juice</b>	<b>UHT Milk</b>	<b>Sugar</b>	<b>Small coffee</b>
<b>Tinned: peas, carrots, potatoes, meat</b> (we have plenty of fish).			
<b>Sauces (pasta or curry sauces)</b>	<b>Rice pudding</b>	<b>Custard</b>	
<b>Toiletries:</b> shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, toilet roll.			

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

## Your ideas to Care for our Common Home

A few weeks ago, we asked for your own ideas on how we can reduce our carbon footprint. Maureen sent us this: *“For our 25th wedding anniversary, we asked for trees to be planted instead of gifts or cards to be given.*

*The National Forest website:*

*<https://www.nationalforest.org/shop/dedicate-tree> enables you to select from six species of trees to be planted. You can personalise and print out a certificate to give as a gift.”*

**Thank you Maureen for a great idea!**



## 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.



**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.



**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.

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