



# 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.



### Dates for your diary

#### Next weekend:

Fairtrade Stall after Masses  
Wheatley: Wine & nibbles after  
Saturday 6pm Mass

**Tues 3 - Wed 11 September**

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Holy Land

**Thursday 5 September**

Live Simply Meeting 7.30pm

**Friday 4 October**

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

### Offertory Collections

**Sunday 18 August**

Loose £543.48 Gift aid £187.01.

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 3

*"Only a small percentage of the price you pay for a Fairtrade product goes back to farmer"*  
- see over

### 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: [catholichheadington@gmail.com](mailto:catholichheadington@gmail.com).

**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: 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C

August	Location	Time	Intention
Saturday 24	Wheatley	6.00 pm	Cynthia and Colville Lobendhan
Sunday 25	Corpus Christi	9.00 am	Special Intention
		11.00 am	People of the Parish
		6.30 pm	Peace for the People of Hong Kong

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

	Time	Intention	Feast	The Priory
Mon 26	9.15am	Special Intention	Feast Bl Dominic Barberi	6.30pm
Tue 27	9.15am		Memorial: St Monica	6.30pm
Wed 28	9.15am		Memorial: St Augustine	6.30pm
Thu 29	<i>No morning Mass</i>		Memorial: Beheading, St John the Baptist	6.30pm
Fri 30	9.15am	Isobel Margaret Kay	Feria	6.30pm
Sat 31	10.00am	Margaret Morgan	Feria	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: 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Saturday 24	Wheatley	6.00pm	
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.

### Scripture Reflection

There seems to be a paradox in the Gospel today between Jesus' teaching about the narrow way and the people from all four corners of the earth arriving at the eternal banquet. But the first group addressed is those who already think themselves to be saved just because they were around Jesus on earth. The "narrow way" is not merely being in his company but the living out of his teaching (Gospel: Luke 13:22-23). The ultimate inclusiveness of God's plan is proclaimed in the third part of Isaiah (Trito-Isaiah). Even some gentiles will become priests in the Temple (First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21). The author of Hebrews encourages the followers to realize that suffering is part of God's plan (Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

**Psalm prayer for meditation: "O praise the Lord, all you nations" (Psalm 116/117:1)**

### Scripture Readings for the week ahead:

Monday	1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Ps 116; Mark 1:14-20	Thursday	1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Ps 89; Mark 6:17-29
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Ps 138; Matthew 23:23-26	Friday	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Ps 96; Matthew 25:1-13
Wednesday	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Ps 138; Matt 23:27-32	Saturday	1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Ps 97; Matthew 25:14-30

## 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 3

**“Only a small percentage of the price you pay  
for a Fairtrade product goes back to farmer”**



This one comes up all the time and is based on the misunderstanding that Fairtrade farmers are paid a percentage of the retail price you pay for a product in a shop – this is not the case.

The retail price you pay as a consumer is determined entirely by the retailer.

While paying farmers and workers a percentage of the retail price might appear a good way to demonstrate the impact of Fairtrade from the consumer's perspective, it doesn't actually address the real inequities in conventional market arrangements.

The way Fairtrade works is that the producer organisation (such as a coffee co-operative) receives the Fairtrade price at the point where they sell to the next person in the supply chain (usually an exporter or importer). This is intended to ensure farmers can cover their costs no matter how low the world price for their commodity falls.

*More myths will be dispelled over the coming weeks.*

### Ride and Stride Advance Notice Saturday 14 September

If you wish to take part,  
walking or cycling, please



sign the list at the back of church and pick up a sponsor form and list of churches to visit. At Corpus Christi, we will also need volunteers as “welcomers” throughout the day. If you are able to spare an hour to help with this, please sign the volunteers list. If you have any queries about Ride and Stride, contact Veronica Cowdrey on 01865 873699

**BBC NEWS**

21 August 2019

### Millions of old gadgets stockpiled in drawers

The Royal Society of Chemistry has highlighted concerns about diminishing supplies of precious metals, many of which are locked into old mobile phones and electronic gadgets left in drawers in our homes.

ADVANCE NOTICE: There will be a Parish Collection of these items on the weekends of October 19/20 and 26/27; the proceeds from recycling will go to CAFOD.

### Care for our Common Home

*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).

## Your ideas to Care for our Common Home

**“All energy used in our home is Carbon Neutral”  
... a Corpus Christi Parishioner**

It is possible to buy electricity from a supplier which uses only renewable sources... and it is even possible to buy carbon neutral gas from a supplier. That gas could be biogas - or the company could invest in verified carbon reduction schemes in developing countries. This parishioner saves the equivalent of 3.5 tonnes of CO2 from entering the atmosphere, roughly equivalent to planting 1,770 trees.

## Community Emergency Foodbank needs:

**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 box at the back of the Church**  
**NB Wheatley box emptied after 1st Sunday of month in partnership with URC Church Wheatley.**

**Next Saturday, 31 August, OLL Wheatley**  
**All welcome to stay for Wine & Nibbles after Vigil Mass**  
**... to mark the end of August!**

Also, 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.

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