



CORPUS CHRISTI
ST. ALPHONSUS AND ST. MARGARET RC CHURCH
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OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH
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We welcome everybody, especially new parishioners and visitors, to our Church.

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



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

Dates for your diary

Sunday 4 August

Diocesan Magazine *The Sower* available today - free!



Thursday 8 August 7.30pm

Live Simply Meeting Parish Hall

Sunday 11 August 12.30pm

Meeting in Parish Hall for those going on the Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Sunday 11 August

SOUL for children, 12.15pm (see over)

Sun 11- Thurs 15 August

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

Saturday 14 September

Ride and Stride (see over)

Offertory Collections

Sunday 28 July

Loose £489.83 Gift Aid £175.20

Thank you for your generosity.

Websites of Interest

Parish: www.corpuschristiheadington.co.uk

Diocese: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Global: www.vaticannews.va/en.html

Daily Prayer of the Church:

<https://universalis.com>

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

St Gregory the Great Secondary School; 01865 749933. www.stgregory.oxon.sch.uk

Mass Times: 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C Intention

Saturday 3 Aug	Wheatley	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 4 Aug	Corpus Christi	9.00am	Yebara Family
		11.00am	Graham Rennie
		12.30pm	Baptism
		6.30pm	George Kutty/CC Children's Choir

Weekday Masses at Corpus Christi; Year 1 Breviary Week 2.

	Feast	Time	Intention	The Priory
Mon 5	<i>Feria</i> Mass at St Luke's	10.15am	Mariazinha da Costa	6.30pm
Tues 6	Transfiguration of Our Lord	9.15am	Peter White	6.30pm
Wed 7	<i>Feria</i>	9.15am	Johnson Benefactors	6.30pm
Thurs 8	Memorial St Dominic	<i>No morning Mass</i>		6.30pm
Fri 9	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)	9.15am	Joan Dacy	6.30pm
Sat 10	St Lawrence, Martyr	10.00am	Private Intention	----

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: 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Saturday 10 August	Wheatley	6.00pm	Private Intention
Sunday 11 August	Corpus Christi	9.00am	Special Intention
		11.00am	People of the Parish
		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.

Scripture Reflection

One of the most fascinating and also most difficult books of the Scriptures is that of Ecclesiastes (Qoheleth in Hebrew). It is put into the mouth of Solomon, traditionally in his last years. He muses on the purpose of everything and sees all as ultimate "vanity". By this is meant 'wind', 'smoke' or 'vapour' (First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23). Jesus repeats this, as far as building for earthly goods is concerned, in his parable of the rich man and the barn (Gospel: Luke 12:13-21). Paul teaches the power of Baptism and the response of the Christian to this (Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11)

Psalm prayer for meditation: "O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next" (Ps 89/90:1).

Scripture Readings for the week ahead

Monday	Numbers 11:4-15; Ps 80; Matthew 14:13-21	Thursday	Numbers 20:1-13; Ps 94; Matthew 16:13-23
Tuesday	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 96; Luke 9:28-36	Friday	Esther 4:17; Ps 44; Matthew 25:1-13
Wednesday	Numbers 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29, 34-35; Ps 105; Matthew 15:21-28	Saturday	2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Ps 111; John 12:24-26

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

Children's Choir This week Lizel and some parents are taking the Corpus Christi Children's Choir to Wales for a few days. We pray that they have a really safe and fun time together and thank Lizel and all involved.

Next week- New Group - SOUL for Children

Serving Others Under the Lord
All children of the parish are welcome to join S.O.U.L., a new monthly initiative designed by children, for children, to serve others and contribute to the Live Simply initiative. Our first activity will be a neighbourhood and park clean-up, taking place on Sunday 11th August at 12:15pm. We will be going around tidying up any loose rubbish in the area surrounding Corpus Christi and in nearby Margaret Road Park. Rubbish collection bags can be provided, but if you are able to bring your own bag feel free! Please note, all children must be supervised by an adult during this time.
Hope to see you there and please keep an eye out in the bulletin for future S.O.U.L. activities each month!

BEST CAMP EVER!

AGED 11 - 18? Try something different!
Places are still available on Week 2 (11th – 15th August) of Summer Camp at Alton Castle; open to all aged 11-18. The parish can offer support to any young person who wishes to go.
Email stephen.harris@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk for more.

Ride and Stride Advance Notice Saturday 14 September

RIDE+STRIDE
for Churches



County Ride + Stride Coordinator,
Hilary Cakebread-Hall
Tel: 07831 690524

<https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

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 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, Antony Ayton, Fr. John Baggley, Patricia Barfield, Margaret Bond, Alan & 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, 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: Baby Macasero, Margaret McHugh.

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.

Care for our Common Home

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. If you haven't got one, please take a card from the back of the church and if you have your own suggestions, 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>

The next meeting of the Live Simply Group is on Thursday 8th August at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall - everyone welcome.

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.

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.



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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