



# 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: 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C**

**Second collection: Catholic Education Service**

September	Location	Time	Intention
Saturday 7	Wheatley	6.00 pm	Private Intention
Sunday 8	Corpus Christi	9.00 am	
		11.00 am	People of the Parish
		6.30 pm	Private Intention

## Dates for your diary

**Weekend 21/22 September**

Fr Hudson's Care collection (see over)

**Wednesday 25 September**

St Gregory the Great Open Evening (see over)

**Friday 4 October**

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

**Saturday 5 October**

St Joseph's School 150 year celebration

**Prayer of St John Chrysostom 349-407**

**Memorial Friday 13 September**

*Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you and promised that when two or three are gathered together in your name you will grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.*

## 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 5

**"Our company ALWAYS pays farmers more than Fairtrade"**

*Don't take their word for it - see over*

## Weekday Masses at Corpus Christi; Year 1 Breviary Week 3.

Sept	Time	Intention	Feast
Mon 9	No morning Mass		Feria
Tue 10	No morning Mass		Feria
Wed 11	No morning Mass		Feria
Thu 12	No morning Mass		Feria
Fri 13	*9.00am NB change of time		Memorial St John Chrysostom
Sat 14	10.00am		Feast Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The Priory
6.30pm
6.30pm
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6.30pm
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: 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Saturday 14	Wheatley	6.00pm	
Sunday 15	Corpus Christi	9.00am	
		11.00am	People of 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

Luke narrates that "great crowds" were accompanying Jesus on his way. He turns to them and reminds them of the difficulty of discipleship. It is almost as though he is discouraging the weaker among them. This is reinforced by the two parables about building and going to war (Gospel: Luke 14:25-33). A prayer is put into the mouth of King Solomon to open up to the Wisdom of God (First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18). Paul begs Philemon in a personal – and short - letter to receive Onesimus, a freed slave (Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17).

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

## Scripture Readings for the week ahead:

Monday	Colossians 1:21-23; Ps 53; Luke 6:1-5	Thursday	Colossians 3:12-17; Ps 150; Luke 6:27-38
Tuesday	Colossians 2:6-15; Ps 144; Luke 6:12-19	Friday	1 Timothy 1 :1-2, 12-14; Ps 15; Luke 6:39-42
Wednesday	Colossians 3:1-11; Ps 144; Luke 6:20-26	Saturday	Numbers 21:4-9 [Philippians 2:6-11]; Ps 77; John 3:13-17

## 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



### St Gregory the Great Catholic Secondary School Prospective Students Open Evening

Wednesday 25th September 6:00 – 8:00pm.

We are keen to share, with the Catholic families in our City, all the exciting recent developments of our school. Come and meet students and teachers and join a student lead tour to every department as well as hear an address from our Head Teacher. We look forward to welcoming you. For more information see the flyers at the back of the church or contact 01865 749933.

### St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Celebration Reunion

Saturday, 5th October 2019; 3pm - 5pm

to mark the school's rich history and contribution  
of 150 years to Catholic Education in Oxford.

Save the date and spread the word.



The present school community would like to welcome back past pupils, parents, staff and members from the local parishes to the reunion at the school in Headley Way:

- chance to visit the present-day school;
- chat over a cup of tea or coffee;
- browse photos from the archives or which others may bring.

### Advance Notice Important Second Collection Fr Hudson's Care

On the weekend of 21 and 22 September, the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care to support their mission of supporting vulnerable people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Father Hudson's reaches out to people of all ages who need support at times of adversity. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

## 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.

## CAFOD Supporters' event

CAFOD's work in Uganda, our Harvest focus country.

**Tues 24 Sept 10:30am–2:30pm** (coffee/tea from 10am)

**Our Lady Help of Christians**, Hollow Way, Oxford OX4 2ND  
Please book a place: 01494 863777 or dpurfield@cafod.org.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, 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.**

All those in the sick list must actively agree to their inclusion. The prayer list will 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).

## Ride and Stride 14 September

### Next Saturday



Sign the list at the back of church and pick up a sponsor form and list of churches to visit. At Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Lourdes, we will 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

## 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.

## FAIRTRADE MYTH 5 "Our company ALWAYS pays farmers more than Fairtrade"



Occasionally companies make claims like 'we always pay our farmers more than Fairtrade'. It probably means they pay more than the *Fairtrade Minimum Price* which we saw in last week's explanation is the **guaranteed minimum**. If the market price of the commodity is high, Fairtrade farmers receive the market price anyway, or even higher for high quality produce. The FAIRTRADE Mark means that the ingredients have been independently verified by an independent accredited international certifier which can suspend or even decertify Fairtrade producer organisations if they fail an audit. So treat company claims with suspicion unless they have the Fairtrade mark.

More myths will be dispelled over the coming weeks.



**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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please write *Newsletter* in the subject line.