



CORPUS CHRISTI
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We welcome EVERYONE to our Church.

SUNDAY
1 MARCH 2020

We are a lively multi cultural Church community, proud to be both a CAFOD LiveSimply Parish and a Fairtrade Parish. 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

This is Fairtrade Fortnight

Monday February 24 - Sunday March 8

Friday 6 March

Padre Pio Prayers after 9.15am Mass

Friday 6 March

CAFOD Family Fast Day (see over);

"Through treating and caring for the mothers and babies, I try to show them the love that Christ gave to us." Sr Consilia
www.cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/The-Lent-Appeal

Friday 6 March

World Day of Prayer (see over for times)

Sunday 12 April

Easter Sunday

Websites of Interest

Parish: www.corpuschristiheadington.co.uk
 Diocese: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk
 Daily Prayer of the Church:
<https://universalis.com>

Offertory Collection 23 February

Loose £667.79 Gift Aid £195.50

PLEASE JOIN US for Coffee, tea and refreshments in the hall after ALL weekend Masses

Parish Priest: Rev. Canon Mervyn Tower

The Presbytery, 88 Wharton Road, Oxford, OX3 8AJ.

Parish Administrator: Mrs Leti da Cruz Gomes (Mon-Fri; 9am - 1pm) through whom bookings for Parish Hall etc can be made.

t: 01865 762433; e: corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk

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

First Sunday of Lent; Year A

February Location Time Intention

Saturday 29 Wheatley 6.00 pm Private Intention

Sunday 1 Corpus Christi 9.00 am Jane Beck

The Holy Rosary is recited after this Mass 11.00 am Mary Coffey and Frank Coffey

12.30pm Baptisms

6.30 pm People of the Parish

Masses at Corpus Christi; Weekday of Lent, Breviary week 1

	Time	Intention	Feast	The Priory
Mon 2	8.00am		Feast of St Chad	6.30pm
Tue 3	9.15am	Ken and Maureen Holmes, RIP Pray for the end of storm in Ireland & UK	Lent feria	6.30pm
Wed 4	9.15am	Bernal E Sanchez	Lent feria	6.30pm
Thur 5	No morning Mass		Lent feria	6.30pm
Fri 6	9.15am 4.30pm 6.00pm	Michael Dennehy; Innocencia Reyes RIP Children's First Confessions Stations of the Cross (Tolkien)	Lent feria	6.30pm
Sat 7	10.00am	Don and Gigi in thanksgiving	Lent 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: Second Sunday of Lent

Second Collection of Family Fast Day Envelopes

Saturday 7 Wheatley 6.00pm Private Intention

Sunday 8 Corpus Christi 9.00am People of the Parish

11.00am Jurek & Grazyna Waskiewicz;

Peter Fox RIP

6.30pm Mary Coffey

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

The First Readings of the Sunday Masses in Lent give us an overview of major elements of the story of salvation. After the Creation, the texts of Genesis describe in a colourful story, similar to others in the Ancient Near East, how the first man and first woman go beyond the boundaries God sets for their own good (First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7). Matthew's Gospel spells out the ways in which the devil tempts Jesus – to immediate fixes, to total control and to total authority. Jesus does not give in (Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11). St. Paul begins the Christian reflection on the sin of Adam as the "Fall" - the reality that contaminates us all (Original Sin). But Jesus completely overcomes this (Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19).

Psalm for meditation: "Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me" (Psalm 50/51:).

Scripture Readings for the week ahead:

Monday Romans 12:3-13; Ps15; Luke 10:1-9

Thursday Esther 4:17; Ps137; Matthew 7:7-12

Tuesday Isaiah 55:10-11; Ps33; Matthew 6:7-15

Friday Ezekiel 18:21-28; Ps129; Matthew 5:20-26

Wednesday Jonah 3:1-10; Ps50; Luke 11:29-32

Saturday Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Ps118; Matthew 5:43-48

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

New: Parishioners Reflect on Scripture Readings

Kate Gills: The Prodigal Son and his brother; Luke 15:11-32

I love this parable because it speaks to me of the love of God, but also because it resonates with our human life. There's the wayward son, impetuous, wanting what he sees as his entitlement, right now, and after making so many poor choices, wanting to say sorry, wanting to go back home.

Then there's the father, allowing the boy to make his mistakes, scanning the horizon, searching. Maybe he has a feeling that the boy is on his way home. I picture him with his sandals flapping, tears in his eyes and a huge smile on his face, arms outstretched and running towards the boy.

And the dutiful brother, hardworking, totally dependable, but feeling resentful, taken for granted, not understanding the depth of his father's love for him.

This story speaks of love – of forgiveness, certainly, but also of that quiet dedicated practical love that is the background of our lives.

Fr Mervyn invites more parishioners to write 160 words about one of their favourite bible passages to be included, one by one, in the newsletter. Please email to corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk (Subject line: **BIBLE PASSAGE**)

Lent 2020: Positive Lent and Scripture Discussion

You might like to consider the items on the sheet 'Suggestions for a Positive Lent' to help us with our individual and parish renewal.

12.15pm on Sundays of Lent: Scripture sharing in the Quiet Room for 30 minutes.

Lent Family Fast Day; Friday 6 March

This is the 60th anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by our founding mothers and, as it has been for sixty years, is an opportunity to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope next week and give whatever you can to help experts like Sister Consilia - a nun and trained pharmacist who treats people in rural Zimbabwe - continue their vital work.



World Day of Prayer Service Friday 6 March

This year's service has been written by the women of Zimbabwe. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Headington: Holy Trinity Church, Headington Quarry

10.30am – 11.30am Light refreshments to follow.

Wheatley: URC Church, Crown Square 2.00pm

and **St Mary the Virgin, Church Road** 7.30pm



Birmingham Catholic Youth Service
Bethsaida - 5 part Youth Ministry Training Programme
Mondays, 7pm - 9 pm, 9 March - 6 April

Venue: Our Lady Help of Christians (OX4 2ND).

The course covers everything from leading groups and planning programmes, to sharing the faith and praying with young people. All are welcome!



Birmingham Catholic Youth Service

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, Antoinette Harvie, Sue Holbrook, Mario Kim, 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.

those who have died: Bernard Mongan, Daniella Dunleavy

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.

Laudato 'Si Excerpt (Live Simply reflection)

We hope to include regular excerpts from the Pope's Encyclical to remind us of our Live Simply commitment.

Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home. Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded. *Para 13*

It is Fairtrade Fortnight. Please look out for the Fairtrade Logo when shopping in supermarkets. Fairtrade means that producers are paid a fair price and, more importantly, workers benefit from the community investments paid for by the Fairtrade Premium.



Parish Council The new Pastoral Council will be formed shortly. If you would like to serve for the next 3 years, please send an email to Leti, the Parish Administrator, (catholicheadington@gmail.com) to express willingness. We need to have a Council that represents the rich variety of our Parish community. Previous members are eligible as well. The PPC meets 4 times a year. It is advisory not executive.

Villa Palazzola is set in the Alban Hills, south of Rome and has a special offer until 31 March and from 1 November to 19 December – 3 nights full board for €100. Please look at the display in Corpus Christi Church or visit www.palazzola.it. Fr. Mervyn recommends it!

Pilgrimage to Holy Land and also to Knock

Holy Land with Fr Mervyn: Posters and booking forms are available at the back of the Church. Please sign up to assure a place August 11-19.

Knock: 20 April, 4 nights. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 (emailknockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages ATOLT7613.

Urgent - First Communion and Confirmation Certificates

Some families have not collected their certificates from 2017, 2018, and 2019. **Please collect NOW from the parish office.**

The Justice and Peace Group is supporting the work of the Oxford Winter Night Shelter (OWNS). The Shelter is in particular need of the following items: **Juice (small individual bottles)**
Tea Instant Coffee Pot porridge Pot noodles
There are donations boxes at the back of both churches.



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.



Data Protection: Please inform us if you do not wish your data on our Census Forms or other means to be used to contact you.

Children's safety: the Parish Council is concerned that for their safety children are not allowed to run freely around during Mass.

Items for this newsletter should be sent to corpus.OLL.news@gmail.com - please write *Newsletter* in the subject line.