



# CORPUS CHRISTI

ST. ALPHONSUS AND ST. MARGARET RC CHURCH

Margaret Road, Headington, OX3 8AJ

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

Crown Road, Wheatley, OX33 1UL

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**We welcome EVERYONE to our Church.**

**SUNDAY**  
**16 FEBRUARY 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,



We are a 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 weekend

As a Parish we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes to whom our church in Wheatley is dedicated.

#### Fairtrade Fortnight

Monday February 24 - Sunday March 8

#### Wednesday 26 February

Ash Wednesday

#### Sunday 12 April

Easter Sunday

### The Apostolic Exhortation

'Querida Amazonia' was promulgated by Pope Francis last Wednesday. *see over*

### Websites of Interest

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

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

Daily Prayer of the Church:

<https://universalis.com>

### Offertory Collection 9 February

Loose £616.25 Gift Aid £256.00

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

### Scripture Reflection

Jesus now teaches his disciples as a Rabbi, interpreting for them the Torah. This does not disappear but is fulfilled. The Lord comments on various texts of the Scriptures, today the Fifth and Sixth Commandment. The translation says "But I say to you..." which can be misleading as the word for "but" is better translated as "and". In other words, Jesus is not so much contrasting his teaching with what has gone before as completing it (Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37). Sirac teaches that human beings have the capacity within them to keep the commandments (First Reading: Sirac 15:16-21). St. Paul contrasts pagan philosophy with the wisdom of the Gospel (Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

**Psalm for meditation: "Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end" (Psalm 1118/119:33).**

### Scripture Readings for the week ahead:

Monday James 1:1-11; Ps 118; Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday James 1:12-18; Ps 93; Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday James 1:19-27; Ps 14; Mark 8:22-26

Thursday James 2:1-9; Ps 33; Mark 8:27-33

Friday James 2:14-24, 26; Ps 111; Mark 8:34-9:1

Saturday 1 Peter 5:1-4; Ps22; Matthew 16:13-16

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

## Solemnity of Our Lady of Lourdes

### Mass of 6th Sunday of the Year; Year A

*February Location Time Intention*

Saturday 15 Wheatley 6.00 pm Private Intention

Sunday 16 Corpus Christi 9.00 am Michael and Brian Dunleavy

The Holy Rosary is recited after the 11.00am Mass 11.00 am Mrs Bernadette Devenport RIP

6.30 pm People of the Parish

### Masses at Corpus Christi; Year 2; Breviary Week 2

	Time	Intention	Feast
Mon 17	11.00am	Funeral Bernadette Devenport followed by Cremation, Bayswater	
Tue 18	9.15am	Mrs J McGeary Jose M M Martins Madeira RIP & Nelia M Martins Madeira RIP	feria
Wed 19	9.15am		feria
Thur 20	No morning Mass		feria
Fri 21	9.15am	Doug Seccult; Davis Mathew	feria
Sat 22	10.00am	Itay Fel & Inay Emilia	Feast, Chair of St Peter, Apostle

The Priory
6.30pm
6.30pm
6.30pm
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: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 22 Wheatley 6.00pm Private Intention

Sunday 23 Corpus Christi 9.00am Eileen; Mary Frances Aldworth RIP

11.00am People of the Parish

12.30pm Baptism - daughter of Kylie Hykins

6.30pm

7.30pm Reception, body of Mary Aldworth RIP

**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.

## 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

### The Apostolic Exhortation 'Querida Amazonia' of the Holy Father Francis

to the people of God and to all persons of Good Will.



Promulgated by Pope Francis last Wednesday, this is a beautiful teaching, already called by some "the daughter of Laudato Si", addressed to all people. It promotes the social justice, cultural heritage, ecology and ecclesiology of the Amazon. The full text can be found on the Vatican website. *Google: Querida Amazonia*

### CAFOD presents Live Simply Award

Following an 18 month journey inspired by Pope Francis's call in Laudato 'Si' to respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, Fr Mervyn was presented with the Live Simply Award by CAFOD Trustee, John Guy, last weekend. The award was brought up to the altar at each Mass in the Offertory procession.



Among the many activities have been: The Share the Journey Pilgrimage, the Live Simply Recipe Book, Cash for Trash, Let's give up Plastic for Lent, and outreach through Fairtrade, Oxford Winter Night Shelter and the Coimunity Emergency Foodbank.

See: [www.corpuschristiheadington.co.uk/parish-news](http://www.corpuschristiheadington.co.uk/parish-news)

### HEAD TEACHER VACANCY September 2020

St Aloysius' Primary School, Oxford

This is an excellent opportunity for a practising Catholic to lead and develop a flourishing primary school. Please do share this with anyone you think may be interested. More information can be found at <https://staloyusius.net/vacancies/>



### Next week - Second Collection for Life

the national charity which upholds the Gospel value of Life by providing positive alternatives to abortion for 70 people every day. Thank you for your support.

### Pilgrimage to Holy Land: August 11th-19th 2020.

Posters and booking forms are available at the back of the Church. Please sign up to assure a place.

### Calling all soupmakers: Could you make some soup for homeless people this winter?



The Oxford Gatehouse, which provides a refuge for homeless people, is looking for volunteers to make batches of soup between now and 1st March. Containers and instructions are provided, and there is a collection point near Corpus Christi.

If you think you can help, please contact Monika Blackwell ([mbblackwell@hotmail.com](mailto:mbblackwell@hotmail.com) or 07880 797009).

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 Goonesekera, 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:** Bernadette Devenport, Bernard Mongan, Mary Aldworth.

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).

### 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.

International negotiations cannot make significant progress due to positions taken by countries which place their national interests above the global common good. Those who will have to suffer the consequences of what we are trying to hide will not forget this failure of conscience and responsibility. *para 169*

### Congratulations Wheatley!

Inspired by the work of Wheatley Area Churches, the Village has just received formal recognition as A FAIRTRADE VILLAGE

### WHEATLEY



### New Parish Pastoral Council

We have had a few people offering to be on a new Pastoral Council but we still need more volunteers. If anyone would be willing to serve for the next 3 years, please send an email to Leti, the Parish Administrator, ([catholicheadington@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Fr Mervyn invites parishioners to write 160 words about one of their favourite bible passages to be included, one by one, in the newsletter. Please email to [catholicheadington@gmail.com](mailto:catholicheadington@gmail.com) (Subject line: BIBLE PASSAGE)

### Urgent - First Communion and Confirmation Certificates

Some families have not collected their certificates from 2017, 2018, and 2019. **Please collect as soon as possible 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.

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