



# 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**  
**23 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,



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

**Monday 24 February, 7.45pm**

Priory Prayers (see over)

**Wednesday 26 February**

Ash Wednesday

**LENT 2020: Ash Wednesday begins the holy season of Lent as we prepare for the glory of Easter. Please consider the items on the attached sheet to help us with our individual and parish renewal. Stations of the Cross each Friday, 6pm.**

### Fairtrade Fortnight

Monday February 24 - Sunday March 8

**Friday 6 March**

CAFOD Family Fast Day (see over); and World Day of Prayer (see over for times)

### 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 16 February

Loose £715.45 Gift Aid £324.40

**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: [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)

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Year A

February	Location	Time	Intention
Saturday 22	Wheatley	6.00 pm	Private Intention
Sunday 23	Corpus Christi	9.00 am	Bill & Carmel Parkinson; Eileen
		The Holy Rosary is recited after this Mass	Mrs Bernadette Devenport RIP
		12.30pm	Baptism
			Kylie Hykins' daughter
		6.30 pm	People of the Parish
		7.30 pm	Reception: Body of Mary Aldworth

## Masses at Corpus Christi; Year 2; Breviary Week 3

	Time	Intention	Feast	The Priory
Mon 24	12 noon	Requiem Mass	Mary Aldworth RIP	feria
Tue 25	9.15am	Chrissie Flynn		feria
	5.00pm	Baptism of Jacinta		

<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	9.15am	Corpus Christi; Int: Fred Brooks
<b>MASS TIMES</b>	12 noon	Our Lady of Lourdes, Wheatley
<b>26 February, 2020</b>	7.00pm	Corpus Christi

Thur 27	No morning Mass		Thursday after Ash Wednesday	6.30pm
Fri 28	9.15am	Betty O'Brien	Friday after Ash Wednesday	6.30pm
	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross (and Friday evenings through Lent)		
Sat 29	10.00am	Chrissie Flynn	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	No Mass
	1.00pm	Marriage: Zora Newsome and Roman Collyer		

**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: First Sunday of Lent

Saturday 29	Wheatley	6.00pm	Private Intention
Sunday 1	Corpus Christi	9.00am	Jane Beck
		12.30pm	Baptism
			Hunter James Graham
		11.00am	People of the Parish
		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 are two more of the so-called antitheses of the Gospel today. The first concerns to *Lex Talionis* (Law of Talion). Contrary to what is normally thought, its purpose is to restrict not to allow vengeance. The second concerns love of neighbor, though nowhere in the Scriptures is there the command to hate enemies (Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48). At the very centre of the Torah is the command to love neighbor (First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18). St. Paul reminds the Christian community that it is the temple of God (Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

**Psalm for meditation: "My soul, give thanks to the Lord. All my being bless his holy name" (Psalm 102/103:1).**

### Scripture Readings for the week ahead:

Monday	1 Peter 5:1-4; Ps22; Matthew 16:13-16	Thursday	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; Ps 1; Luke 9:22-25
Tuesday	James 4:1-10; Ps 54; Mark 9:30-37	Friday	Isaiah 58:1-9; Ps 50; Matthew 9:14-15
Wednesday	Joel 2:12-18, Ps 50, 2 Corinth 5:20-6:2, Matt 6:1-6, 16-18	Saturday	Isaiah 58:9-14; Ps 85; Luke 5:27-32

## 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: Lent - Scripture Discussion

On the Sundays of Lent (March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and April 5th) between 12.15pm and 1.00pm, after the 11.00am Mass, there will be the opportunity for anyone who wishes to gather to discuss and share together the Sunday Scriptures. This will take place in the Quiet Room off the Sacristy. All welcome.

### Priory Prayers Monday 24 February, 7.45pm

You are warmly invited to join us for ecumenical prayers at The Priory, Old Headington. This month's prayers are led by members of St Mary's church, Barton. Tea and biscuits to follow.

### 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.  
Everyone welcome! Details: Kate Gills

**Wheatley: URC Church, Crown Square** 2.00pm  
and **St Mary the Virgin, Church Road** 7.30pm



### HEAD TEACHER VACANCIES September 2020



**St Joseph's Thame**  
www.st-josephs.oxon.sch.uk/vacancies

**St Aloysius' Oxford**  
https://staloyusius.net/vacancies/



### 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) 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.

**The Oxford Gatehouse**, a refuge for homeless people, is looking for volunteers to make soup. Contact Monika Blackwell (mdblackwell@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 Busetto, 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, 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).

**Villa Palazzola** is the beautiful former Cistercian Monastery/ Franciscan Convent in the Alban Hills, 20 km south of Rome, purchased by the Venerable English College in 1920. Anyone can stay there and there is 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](http://www.palazzola.it). All you have to do is to get to Rome. Fr. Mervyn thoroughly recommends this offer.

### 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.*

*It must be said that some committed and prayerful Christians, with the excuse of realism and pragmatism, tend to ridicule expressions of concern for the environment. Others are passive; they choose not to change their habits and thus become inconsistent. (para 217)*

### 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.

### Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 20th April 2020.

£599.00 per person. Single supp £100.00. Flight with 10kg bag, 4 nights' Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All excursions included. Lunches on days out. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages ATOL T7613.

**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.

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