



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
15 MARCH 2020

KATE GILLS RIP

The whole Parish will be saddened to hear of the sudden death of Kate Gills, who has contributed so much to the Parish, following a fall at home. We pray for the repose of her soul and for her family.

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 16 March; 7.30pm

Justice & Peace Group; Quiet Room

Sunday 29 March

Taize Evening (details overleaf)

Monday 30 March; 6.00-7.00pm

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and opportunity to go to Confession

Websites of Interest

Parish: www.corpuschristiheadington.co.uk

Diocese: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Daily Prayer of the Church:

<https://universalis.com>

Offertory Collection 8 March

Loose £511.92 Gift Aid £197.00

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Cash, Cheques + Contactless £452.28

Plus Cash & Cheques Gift Aid: £837

(which becomes £1046.25 after tax claimed)

Grand Total: £1498.53

Refreshments after Mass
SUSPENDED

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: Volunteer requested

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

Third Sunday of Lent; Year A

March	Location	Time	Intention
Saturday 14	Wheatley	6.00 pm	Private Intention
Sunday 15	Corpus Christi	9.00 am	Mark & Joshua
		11.00am	Filipino community of Oxfordshire Macario Orpiada RIP
		12.30pm	Baptism: James Thaddeus Stevens
		6.30pm	People of the Parish

The Holy Rosary is recited after this Mass

Masses at Corpus Christi; Weekday of Lent, Breviary week 3

	Time	Intention	Feast
Mon 16	9.15am	Conor Cogan; Philip Harle; Matel Braganza	Lent feria
Tue 17	9.15am	Pedro Cruz RIP	St Patrick, Patron of Ireland
Wed 18	9.15am	Lyn Enemy; Bishop Glancey	Lent feria
Thur 19	No morning Mass		St Joseph, Husband of Our Lady
Fri 20	9.15am	Brenda Muntemba RIP; Eddie Thorning	Lent feria
	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross (Tolkien)	
Sat 21	10.00am	All Filipino nurses in UK	Lent feria

The Priory
6.30pm
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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: Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday 21	Wheatley	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 22	Corpus Christi	9.00am	Bishop Glancey
		11.00am	Special Intention
		6.30pm	People of the Parish

Corona Virus Update from Bishops - Please see overleaf

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 third great account for the Lenten Liturgy from the Old Testament, after that of Adam and Eve and of Abraham, is that of Moses. The story is of his leadership but the people's endless rebellion, as here in the wilderness after the Exodus. Their complaint is natural – they have no water. God provides for them with water from the rock which Moses is ordered to strike. A similar account in the Book of Numbers has God ordering Moses to speak to the rock (Exodus 17:3-7). This Sunday we have the first of the three great Lenten extracts from John – the story of the Samaritan woman. Jesus brings the outsider into the centre through the discourse at the well. The water is a sign of Baptism (Gospel: John 4:5-42). St. Paul preaches the power of God's love through the death of Christ (Romans 5:1-2,5-8).

Psalm for meditation: "Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us" (Psalm 94/95:1).

Scripture Readings for the week ahead:

Monday	2 Kings 5:1-5; Pss 41-42; Luke 4:24-30	Thursday	2 Sam 7:4-5; 12-16; Ps 88; Romans 4:13,16-22; Luke 2:41-51
Tuesday	Jeremiah 1:4-9; Ps 116; Luke 10:1-12,17-20	Friday	Hosea 14:2-10; Ps 80; Mark 12:28-34
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9; Ps 147; Matthew 5:17-19	Saturday	Hosea 5:15-6.6; Ps 50; Luke 18:9-14

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

Celia Deane-Drummond 2 Corinthians 4.7-18

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all surpassing power is from God and not from us.....

Reflecting on this passage is always a great source of encouragement for me, as it was intended to be for the early Corinthian community. It means that however difficult a situation, or however limited I might feel in my own natural capacity, God is always enabling the Holy Spirit to work within and especially through my weakness to bring about God's purposes. The power of God is not a dominating power, but the whisper of gentle love, bringing out the good where it may be found, in spite of and not just because of who we are. It's humbling to be reminded of our own vulnerability, but that's the paradox of faith, that it's in dependence on God that we truly find the way to live life to the full. This is the opposite of what one might expect; that it is through and within difficulties we come closer to God and glimpse, just for a moment, insight into eternal glory.

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.

Sunday 29 March after 6.30pm Mass: There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a short meditation (around 40 minutes) with music from Taize. All are welcome.

Lent Family Fast Day

Thank you for the generous donations which, when Gift Aid is added in, amounts to £1498.53. There may be more donations this weekend so the money will be sent to CAFOD next week.



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.

Nature is usually seen as a system which can be studied, understood and controlled, whereas creation can only be understood as a gift from the outstretched hand of Father of all, and as a reality illuminated by a love which calls us together into universal communion. (76)

THANK YOU to everyone who recently made soup for the Gatehouse. Our parish provided about a quarter of the 140 litres of soup delivered from Headington. The local organizer was very complimentary about our soup-makers, and guests at the Gatehouse were very grateful for our contribution.



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!



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: Kate Gills

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.

Corona Virus - We are all encouraged to follow the Government's Guidelines but in particular the Bishops have given this advice which we will follow:

- Communion under one kind, in the hand only;
- physical sign of peace is suspended;
- Holy water stoups have been removed;
- shared hymn books and missals will not be available;
- Newsletters and Scripture readings - please:
 - do not share with anyone;
 - do not leave them in the Church after use;
 - **DO** take them home;
- parish kitchens are closed;
- no drinks or food after Masses.

In particular those who are elderly and vulnerable and those with symptoms **should not come out to Church** - for their own sake and for that of others. **It is upsetting not to be able to come to Mass but we need to be sensible.**

Live streaming of Mass

If you cannot come to Church, then please do encourage all to follow the live-streaming of Mass at Corpus Christi. If you do not have access to this, then pray the prayers of the Mass with the Scripture Readings at home.

This is Dementia week - Prayer for those with dementia

Loving Father, you are close to the broken hearted. Look with compassion on those whose lost memories have robbed them of home and belonging. Comfort and strengthen those who care for them. May they make their home in you. This we ask through Christ Our Lord.

The new Pastoral Council will be formed after Easter.

Pilgrimage to Holy Land

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.

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.