



CORPUS CHRISTI
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Live Simply
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We welcome EVERYONE to our Church.

SUNDAY
8 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

Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 March
 Second Collection for CAFOD Family Fast Day

"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

Week beginning Sunday 15 March
 Dementia Prayer Week (see over)

Prayers during time of 'flu and illness
 Information about how the Church is responding practically to Coronavirus can be found here:
www.cbcew.org.uk/coronavirus-guidelines
 This information is kept up to date and should be checked regularly.

Websites of Interest

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

Offertory Collection 1 March
 Loose £669.73 Gift Aid £272.00

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

Scripture Reflection

On the Second Sunday of Lent the Church always proclaims the Gospel of the Transfiguration, this year according to Matthew. Jesus is revealed in the fullness of his majesty as the centre of the Law and the Prophets, represented by Moses and Elijah respectively (Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9). The call of Abram begins the story of the people of Israel and the journey of all his descendants, Jew and gentile alike (First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4). St. Paul urges Timothy to accept the 'hardships' of the Good News, that is the consequent persecutions that might take place (Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10).

Psalm for meditation: "Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield" (Psalm 32/33:20)

Scripture Readings for the week ahead:

Monday	Daniel 9:4-10; Ps 78; Luke 6:36-38	Thursday	Jeremiah 17:5-10; Ps 1; Luke 16:19-31
Tuesday	Isaiah 1:10,16-20; Ps 49; Matthew 23:1-12	Friday	Genesis 37:3-4,12-13,17-28; Ps 104; Matthew 21: 33-46
Wednesday	Jeremiah 18:18-20; Ps 30; Matthew 20:17-28	Saturday	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 102; Luke 15:1-3,11-32.

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

Second Sunday of Lent; Year A

February	Location	Time	Intention
Saturday 7	Wheatley	6.00 pm	Private Intention
Sunday 8	Corpus Christi	9.00 am	People of the Parish
		The Holy Rosary is recited after this Mass	11.00am Jurek & Grazyna Waskiewicz; Peter Fox RIP
		6.30pm	Mary Coffey; Daniella Dunleavy RIP

Masses at Corpus Christi; Weekday of Lent, Breviary week 2

	Time	Intention	Feast	The Priory
Mon 9	10.15am @ St Lukes		Lent feria	6.30pm
Tue 10	9.15am	Jimmy Mullen	Lent feria	6.30pm
Wed 11	9.15am	Annamma De Vasya RIP		6.30pm
		Annakutty Varkey RIP	Lent feria	
Thur 12	No morning Mass		Lent feria	6.30pm
Fri 13	9.15am	Joana Cecilia C Soares (Thanksgiving)	Lent feria	6.30pm
	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross (traditional)		
Sat 14	10.00am	Roberts Bryan; Daniella Dunleavy	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 14	Wheatley	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 15	Corpus Christi	9.00am	Mark & Joshua
		11.00am	Filipino community of Oxfordshire
		6.30pm	Macario Orpiada RIP
		6.30pm	People of the Parish

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

New: Parishioners Reflect on Scripture Readings

Henry Curtis: The road to Emmaus; Luke 24:13-35

This reading has special resonance with many of us. Following the sudden death of my Dad, planning the funeral and readings with the priest, Mum stated, "We will have the Road to Emmaus as our reading because it meant so much to him!" Since then it has meant a lot to me. The rich text contains so many messages.

First, whenever I am out exploring a place, I feel like someone walking with a companion to support me.

Second, it is a reflection on our own foolishness to listen to and believe the gossip, without seeing beyond the story. In our age of social media this is especially important.

And finally, the revelation at the breaking of the bread. As well as the gift of the eucharist, this reminds me of the blessing we all receive when we offer and receive hospitality and of the times spent around the table, sharing our meals in a spirit of love and understanding.

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; Today 2nd Collection

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 use the Family Fast Day envelope this 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. Please Gift Aid your donation if you can, and please consider making a regular monthly donation by Standing Order.



It is still Fairtrade Fortnight - just!

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.



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 Diggens, 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.

Doomsday predictions can no longer be met with irony or disdain. We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth. The pace of consumption, waste and environmental change has so stretched the planet's capacity that our contemporary lifestyle, unsustainable as it is, can only precipitate catastrophes, such as those which even now periodically occur in different areas of the world. (Para 161)

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.

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 (email knockpilgrimages@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.

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