



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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Year A SUNDAY
18 October 2020



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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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today is World Mission Sunday - see overleaf for details

Saturday 6.00pm at Wheatley(max 30) Sarah de Paiva RIP
Sunday 9.00am Scaria. Leticia Clarete.
11.00am Anita Araujo RIP + Januario Soares RIP
6.30pm People of the Parish

Weekday Masses:

Weekday Cycle 2; Breviary Week 1

Mon 19 10.00am Peter O'Kelly (RIP) **Feria**
Tues 20 10.00am John and Family **Feria**
Wed 21 10.00am Mother of Diana Moran **Feria**
Thurs 22 No Mass **Feria**
Fri 23 10.00am Private Intention **Feria**
Sat 24 10.00am **Feria**

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time 25 October 2020

Saturday 6.00pm at Wheatley(max 30)
Sunday 9.00am Bridie + John
11.00am Stephanie Higham
6.30pm People of the Parish

Thank you from CAFOD... The contactless collection last weekend for Harvest Family Fast Day raised £120 which has been sent to CAFOD. It is still not too late to donate: To donate £10, just text **CAFOD** to **70085**. or click here to donate on-line. www.cafod.org.uk/give

Click here to make an on-line donation to the Parish

If you already Gift Aid, any payment made through the on-line system will be identified and treated as a Gift Aid Donation.

Convert envelope-giving to Standing Order

If you would like to convert your envelope-giving to standing order, please send an email **with your name and address** to corpus.standingorder@gmail.com. We will send the parish bank details to you to set up a new standing order using your own on-line bank access. **Your gift-aid declaration held by the Parish will still be valid.**

New Gift Aid If you would like to start a new Gift Aid donation, you can now complete an on-line declaration. Please email corpus.standingorder@gmail.com with your name and address. We will send you details of how to do this on-line.

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

Parish e-mail groups

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email each week or would like to receive occasional news items from Fr Mervyn or Parish groups, send an email to: corpus.christi.group@gmail.com or OLL.wheatley.group@gmail.com

Mass Attendance

The guidelines now include not coming to Mass in groups of more than six or sitting together in groups larger than six unless there are more than six in one household. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help with all the organization.

Polish Masses at Corpus Christi

Every Wednesday: 7.00pm;
Every Saturday 6.00pm;
First Friday of each Month 7.00pm

Corpus Christi; Our Lady of Lourdes Churches open 30 mins before each Mass and will close immediately after.

Approx. capacity within guidelines
Headington: 60; Wheatley: 30.

[Click here for Parish Guidelines.](#)

Our Lady of Lourdes Family groups should share a bench, otherwise two people per bench, one at either end.

Track and Trace Policy: Stewards will take the details of those who come to Mass if you do not use the QR Code NHS App.

QR Code now displayed at both churches - please check-in with NHS Covid app.

MORE DETAILS OVERLEAF

Scripture Reflection

Today's Gospel has often been used to justify separation of Church and State. But Jesus' intention is a clever rabbinical response to the question asked. He is not making a statement about whether he supports the Roman occupation or not but merely pragmatically saying there is no choice. In any case, God, not the Romans, is in charge of everything (Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21). This is the truth proclaimed in Isaiah where Cyrus, the King of Persia, who allowed the Jews to return from exile, is boldly styled "anointed" i.e. messiah (First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6). The First Letter to the Thessalonians is the earliest writing of the New Testament, dated probably about 45 AD. It begins with the normal salutations (Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: "O sing a new song to the Lord" (Psalm 95/96:1).

Scripture	Monday	Ephesians 2:1-10; Ps 99; Luke 12:13-21.	Thursday	Ephesians 3:14-21; Ps 32; Luke 12:49-53.
Readings	Tuesday	Ephesians 2:12-22; Ps 84; Luke 12:35-38.	Friday	Ephesians 4:1-6; Ps 23; Luke 12:54-59.
week ahead	Wednesday	Ephesians 3:2-12; Is 12; Luke 12: 39-48.	Saturday	Ephesians 4:7-16; Ps 121; Luke 13:1-9.

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 news

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 2020

Sunday 1st November, 12noon,

Celebrant Bishop David Evans

Livestream via St Chad's Cathedral website

(<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>)

Couples are encouraged to join the Mass at home which will include the Renewal of Commitment. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary (1st or every 5th year up to 60 years and every year over 60)

Email: lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org with the following information to be included in the booklet.

- Full name of the couple
 - Anniversary being celebrated in 2020
- You are also encouraged to email a photo of your wedding day and a current one. Please include the parish you were married in as well as the name of current parish.

Please use the QR Code

Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Lourdes are registered places of worship with the NHS Covid App. Please use the **Venue check-in** link on the app to check-in when you attend the churches. There are several copies of the QR codes at the entrances - no need to queue!



2020 Parish Collections down by half compared with 2019

Following the recent announcement, thank you to those who have now increased their standing orders.

How can I increase my Standing Order?

This can be done by adjusting the standing order at your bank which you can do on-line if you have on-line banking facilities. There is no need to contact the Parish first - the new Standing Order payment will arrive in the Parish accounts.

Can I make a regular payment using PayPal?

You can make a regular or single payment using PayPal. If you are already a Gift-Aid contributor to the parish, the Parish will recognise your PayPal contribution as eligible for Gift Aid.

[Click here to make a PayPal payment](#)

Pay on the Contactless unit BEFORE Mass

The contactless payment units are available at the entrance to both Corpus Christi and OLL. You can choose to pay £5, £10 or £20 before you tap your contactless card on the unit.

Please pray for:

the sick and the housebound: Jim Allanson, 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 Lobendhan, Victoria Maceda, Carmel McGarry, R. J. Matava, Averil Nathaniels, Melani Parana, Celine Peiris, Peter Perera, Angela Scott-Smith, Rachel Smith, Alba Thorning, Aileen Vangramberg, Diana Walden, Mary Wallace, Pat Walsh, Liz Ward, Mai Wick, Louise Williams.

those who have died: Odete Pinto Moniz.

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.

Today is World Mission Sunday.

Prayers and donations are requested to support missionaries who work alongside communities who are poor or in need, regardless of background or belief. It is one of three Papal collections chosen by the Holy Father to support the mission of the Church in the world. The funds raised are used to build infrastructure such as chapels, schools, orphanages, clinics and dispensaries, creating a hub from which the young church can flourish and grow. To donate online visit missio.org.uk/donate and select "World Mission Sunday".



[Click here to donate](https://missio.org.uk/donate/)

Internet fraud: all Parishioners Beware

Please delete any emails that claim to come from Fr/Canon Mervyn that are not from corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk. They are fraudulent and a scam. **Fr Mervyn will never ask for money in an emergency by sending an email to a parishioner.**

The Oxford Community Emergency Foodbank

Thank you to all our supporters from The Community Emergency Food Bank. Over the last 4 months we have received donations from a large number of individuals and organisations and some major donations from supermarkets which has kept us well stocked.

If you would like to make a financial donation, please go to:

www.justgiving.com/communityemergency-foodbank



University of Oxford

We've been asked to bring to your attention a new research study to try to treat symptoms of COVID with a steroid inhaler. If you have symptoms in the last 7 days and would like to take part visit stoic.ndm.ox.ac.uk or email stoic@ndm.ox.ac.uk. [Click Here for further information](#)

Novena to St Francis for a world under threat based on his beautiful Canticle of the Sun.



Week 7 Those who suffer

This novena is a song of penitence and praise, guiding us to care for the earth and for our most vulnerable sisters and brothers, especially the Amazon peoples. They are currently under grave risk from coronavirus, given their fragile situation, often in remote locations far from government services.

[Click here for Video Prayer Week 7](#)



Creator God, open our hearts to the sufferings of the landless poor who endure violence and threat. Forgive us for the sin of indifference.

St Francis, you were jailed and beaten, brother to the outcast. May your compassion be our guide.

St Francis, Pray for us

[Click here to download the full 9 day Novena](#)

[Click here to donate to CAFOD](#)