



CORPUS CHRISTI

ST. ALPHONSUS AND ST. MARGARET RC CHURCH

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

Crown Road, Wheatley, OX33 1UL

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"Happy Lent as we journey spiritually together towards Jerusalem."

F. Mervyn

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Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship

Year B SUNDAY
28 March 2021

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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

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

28 March 2021

Saturday 6.00pm @ OLL Wheatley; People of the Parish
Sunday 9.00am Stella Anne Roberts RIP
11.00am Philomena Gardner RIP
6.30pm Jonathan Bahan RIP

Weekday Masses:

Mon 29 9.15am Martin Patten RIP. Mass with St. Joseph's School
Tues 30 9.15am Victor Gapay RIP 1st death anniversary
Wed 31 8.30am Catherine Nicholson RIP

Cycle of Holy Week; Breviary Week 2

The Chrism Mass is at 11.30 am in St. Chad's Cathedral with the participation of the Chapter and Deans only

SACRED TRIDUUM All services live-streamed from Corpus Christi

Please note that numbers in Church and the Hall will be limited. It is still not permitted to gather in a large group outside.

HOLY THURSDAY The Lord's Supper 8.00 pm

No washing of the feet, transferral of the Holy Eucharist or watching but Renewal commitment of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY Morning Prayer and Office of Readings 9.00am

Solemn Liturgy and Passion of the Lord 3.00pm

No individual veneration of the Cross

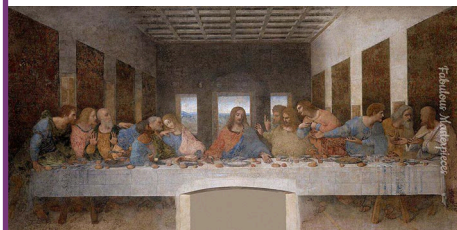
Stations of the Cross (traditional) 6.00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY Morning Prayer and Office of Readings 9.00am

Easter Vigil 8.00 pm

No lighting of the Easter fire or sprinkling of Easter Water

The Last Supper Leonardo Da Vinci ca. 1490



Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan

Polish Masses in Oxford...

... will now be celebrated at Blessed Dominic Barberi, Littlemore.

Syro-Malabar Masses

A Syro-Malabar priest has been appointed to Oxford and Syro-Malabar Masses are celebrated at Corpus Christi (normally 3.00pm on Sundays).

Liturgical Colour Red is worn on Good Friday and Palm Sunday, symbolic of passion and blood. The Cardinals wear red as a symbol for their devotion to the Church and the Pope.

Extra Confessions

Monday 29 March 6.00 - 6.30 pm

Tuesday 30 March 6.00 - 6.30 pm

Websites of Interest

www.corpuschristiheadington.co.uk

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html>

Diocese: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Daily Prayer of the Church:

<https://universalis.com>

PLEASE collect your copy

of The Revised New Jerusalem Bible were ordered last year. Please email Leti_at_the_Parish_Office, without delay, to arrange to collect your copy. For those wishing to purchase one, the cost is £27.60.



Anniversaries on prayer list:

If you would like to add the name of a close loved one/parishioner to the list that we are building up, would you please email the Parish office with the name and date for remembrance. Thank you.

Easter Sunday

4 April 2021

Corpus Christi 9.00am Bartholomeu Malachy Bohan R.I.P

Wheatley 10.30am People of the Parish

Corpus Christi 11.00am Dymphna (Mary) Healey R.I.P

Corpus Christi 6.30pm John Meaden R.I.P

Weekday Masses in Low Week

Monday 5 April 10am

Tues, Wed, Fri 9.15am

Thursday - No Mass

Saturday 11 April 10am

Click here for short Video: 7 Days with Pope Francis



Click here to make an Easter Offering to Fr Mervyn

Scripture Reflection

The Scripture Readings today have suffering at their heart. The third Song of the Suffering Servant emphasizes the fact that the servant shows no resistance and is ultimately vindicated by the Lord (First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7). The Responsorial Psalm begins with the cry of dereliction and the intense suffering of the one rejected, although he continues to trust in the Lord and shows his glory (Psalm 21). The hymn included by St. Paul sings of the self-emptying of Christ as a source of his glorification (Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11). St. Mark's Passion stresses the humiliation and total rejection of Jesus (Gospel: Mark 15:1-39).

Responsorial Psalm meditation: "All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads" (Psalm 21/22:8).

Scripture Readings
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday

Isaiah 42:1-7; Ps 26; John 12:1-11
Isaiah 49:1-6; Ps 70; John 13:21-33, 36-38
Isaiah 50:4-9; Ps 68; Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 115; 1Corint 11:23-26; John 13:1-15
Friday Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Ps 30; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42
Saturday Exodus 14, Romans 6:3-11, Mark 16:1-7.

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

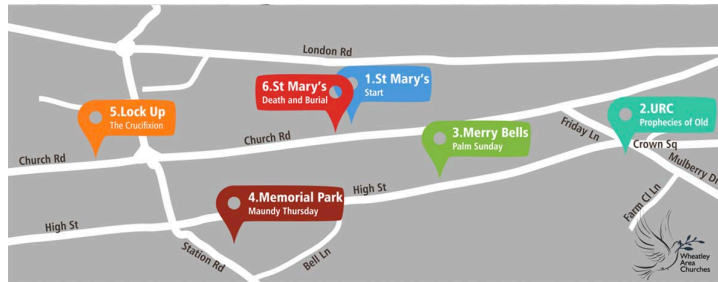
CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

Vade Mecum for Holy Week 2021

[Click here to read the Specific Guidance for the Celebrations of Holy Week issued by the Bishops.](#)

Easter Pilgrimage - Good Friday

Wheatley Area Churches invites you to walk around Wheatley anytime between 11am and 7pm. There are 7 stops beginning at St Mary the Virgin Church, Church Road. Click on a QR code posted at each location to follow the Easter Story from the Prophecies of Old to the Death and Burial.



New Contactless System

Next weekend, a new Contactless unit will be installed in both churches which will be combined with a new on-line payment service.

You can register for Gift Aid donations by making an initial payment using the DONA donate button below.

- 1 When you click on the DONA button, you can enter the donation (in £) that you wish to make.
- 2 You will then be invited to enter your card details, and confirm the payment.
- 3 You will then be asked if you wish to Gift Aid the donation and to enter your name, post code and house number.
- 4 Once you have confirmed this, every time you use **the same card** to make a payment using the contactless unit in church, the payment will be automatically gift-aided.

Click this button to make payment and register your card for Gift Aid



More details about the new Contactless units will be given next week. Offerings made using the new units on Easter Saturday and Sunday are personal gifts to the Parish Priest.

2020 Parish Collections down by half

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.

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, Kumu de Silva, David Diggins, Michael Dolan, Maureen Felix, Philomena Garvey, Yvonne Goonesekara, Antoinette Harvie, Sue Holbrook, Joanne Kay, Mario Kim, Joan Knatt, Theresa Johnson, Cynthia Lobendhan, Victoria Maceda, Carmel McGarry, R. J. Matava, Averil Nathaniels, Melani Parana, Celine Peiris, Peter Perera, Maxwell Rogers, Angela Scott-Smith, Rachel Smith, Alba Thorning, Aileen Vangramberg, Diana Walden, Mary Wallace, Pat Walsh, Liz Ward, Mai Wick, Louise Williams. Erma James, Dorren McDonald, Nalen Vuddamalay.

those who have died: T.D John, Philomena Gardner, Catherine(Reenie)Hilland, Teresa Maughan.

those whose anniversary occurs this week: James Flynn, Victor Gapay, Peter Gregory, John Meaden, Thomas Mckenna, Sylvester Neil, Deacon Bill Parker, .

[Click here to send names and dates for anniversary section.](#)

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.

Sacramental Preparation 2021

Confirmation, all celebrations will be at 6.30pm.

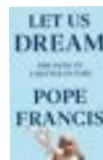
Monday 17 May

Tuesday 18 May

Monday 24 May

Tuesday 25 May

First Holy Communion, Year 3+, Sunday, 13 June all Masses.



Each week in Lent, a different quotation from Pope Francis, in **Let us Dream:**

"To act in a Samaritan way in a crisis means letting myself be struck by what I see, knowing that the suffering will change me."



Click here to read more

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

What is happening in Syria after 10 years of war?

CAFOD is responding to the threat posed by coronavirus, in war-torn Syria where half a million people have died.



Aid workers say this year's winter has affected thousands of those living in informal camps with heavy flooding and bitterly low temperatures. The UN reported how extensive flooding affected 121,000 people in 304 sites with more than 21,700 tents damaged or destroyed. Now they face the threat of coronavirus when many cannot socially distance, access healthcare, or even find clean water.



Click here to read **Bathany Chikater**



The Oxford Community Emergency Foodbank OPEN FOR FOOD DONATIONS

Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 11.00am – 2.00pm

The Food bank is located behind St. Francis Church, Hollow Way, for anyone to deliver donations of non-perishable food/toiletries etc. directly.

Thank you to all our supporters from The Community Emergency Food Bank. If you would like to make a financial donation, please go to:

www.justgiving.com/communityemergency-foodbank

THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE 8 Wednesday evening sessions

Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli.

Starts on 7 April 2021 at 7pm

Click here for Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

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