



# CORPUS CHRISTI

ST. ALPHONSUS AND ST. MARGARET RC CHURCH

Margaret Road, Headington, OX3 8AJ

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

Crown Road, Wheatley, OX33 1UL

[www.corpuschristiheadington.co.uk](http://www.corpuschristiheadington.co.uk)

Birmingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees, Registered Charity No. 234216

*“May the Risen Lord fill you and your families with his peace, hope, joy and love throughout this wonderful Easter Season.”*

*Thank you so much for your Easter Offerings. Fr Mervyn*

To receive newsletter each week, email [corpus.christi.group@gmail.com](mailto:corpus.christi.group@gmail.com) or [OLL.wheatley.group@gmail.com](mailto:OLL.wheatley.group@gmail.com)

## Today's Gospel: Luke 24:35-28

*Supper at Emmaus*

*Caravaggio, 1601; National Gallery, London*



In the verses immediately preceding today's Gospel, Luke recounts the meeting of two disciples with a stranger on the road to Emmaus. They spoke about Jesus of Nazareth and urged their companion to stay and eat supper with them. "He took the bread and said the blessing, then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight."

Caravaggio captures the moment of recognition with extraordinary use of light and depth... the inn-keeper serving them is in shadow - he is in the dark about this momentous recognition. Today's Gospel begins...

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

## Liturgical Colour: White

White is the colour of heaven. Liturgically, it is used to celebrate feasts of the Lord; Christmas and Easter, the great seasons of the Lord; and the saints. Not that you will always see white in church, because if something more splendid, such as gold, is available, that can and should be used instead. We are, after all, celebrating.

In the earliest centuries all vestments were white – the white of baptismal purity and of the robes worn by the armies of the redeemed in the Apocalypse, washed white in the blood of the Lamb. As the Church grew secure enough to be able to plan her liturgy, she began to use colour so that our sense of sight could deepen our experience of the mysteries of salvation, just as incense recruits our sense of smell and music that of hearing. Over the centuries various schemes of colour for feasts and seasons were worked out, and it is only as late as the 19th century that they were harmonized into their present form.

**PLEASE collect your copy** of The Revised New Jerusalem Bible

## Live-Stream Masses; Public Worship

Year B SUNDAY  
18 April 2021

**Parish Priest:** Rev. Canon Mervyn Tower  
**Parish Administrator:** Mrs Leti Gomes  
**Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Ruth Kennel  
**Parish schools:**

The Presbytery, 88 Wharton Road, Oxford, OX3 8AJ. t: 01865 762433  
e: [corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:corpuschristi.oxford@rcaob.org.uk)

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)

## Third Sunday of Easter

18 April 2021

Saturday 6.00pm at OLL, Wheatley People of the Parish; Thanksgiving for a grandson.  
Sunday 9.00am Rafael Salomon death anniversary  
11.00am John Flanagan R.I.P  
6.30pm Benjamin Quiatchon R.I.P

## Weekday Masses:

## Cycle of the weekday Easter; Breviary Week 3

Mon 19 8.30am Nancy Johnson death anniversary Easter Feria  
Tues 20 9.15am Jimmy Flynn RIP Easter Feria  
Wed 21 9.15am Placido & Delfin de Araujo RIP Easter Feria  
Thurs 22 No Mass at 9.15am Easter Feria  
11.00am Marriage of Thomas George Kutty and Nancy (Syro-Malabar/Malankar)  
Fri 23 9.15am Charles Joseph McNaughton Solemnity of St George  
Sat 24 10.00am Lina Ximenes. Easter Feria

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

25 April 2021

**Please note: Retiring collection ON DONA for CLERGY TRAINING FUND**

Saturday 6.00pm at OLL, Wheatley People of the Parish. Tom Lafferty RIP.  
Sunday 9.00am Domingos M de Araujo  
11.00am Luiza Monis de Araujo  
6.30pm Nguyen T Hue, Nguyen N Dung and Ngo V Vuong + family.



## Pope Francis teaches about prayer...

In his Catechesis at Wednesday's General Audience, the Pope explained how the Church is a great school of prayer. As children, he said, we learn our first prayers on the laps of grandparents and parents, who also give their advice inspired by the Gospel. Later, the experience of faith and prayer is deepened through encounters with other witnesses and teachers of prayer, such as in the life of a parish and every Christian community which is marked by liturgical and community prayer.

"The garment of faith," he said, "is not starched, but develops with us." It is not rigid, it grows, even through moments of crisis and resurrection ... "you cannot grow without moments of crisis, because crisis makes you grow." He continued, "And the breath of faith is prayer: we grow in faith inasmuch as we learn to pray." After certain moments in life, we become aware that without faith we could not have made it through and that our strength was prayer. We realize that not only personal prayer, but also that of our brothers, sisters and the community, whom we requested, also accompanied and supported us."

## TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE PARISH, PLEASE CLICK ON THE BUTTON BELOW:

If you pay tax, please register your card for Gift Aid when you make a donation. Whenever you use the same card to make a donation on the new contactless units in church, it will be automatically gift-aided.



## Scripture Reflection

Both Luke and John emphasize the reality of the body of the Risen Lord and the continuity with his human body. As Jesus appears to the disciples he shows them his wounds and, even further in Luke's account, eats a piece of grilled fish before explaining the Scriptures (Gospel: Luke 24:35-48). In his speech after the cure of the man at the Golden Gate, Peter both chastises but also excuses the Jewish leaders (First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19). St. John insists that there must be parity between what we say we believe and living this out (Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5).

**Responsorial Psalm meditation: "It is the Lord who grants favour to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call" (Psalm 4:4).**

**Scripture Readings**  
Monday Acts 6:8-15; Ps 118; John 6:22-29  
Tuesday Acts 7:51-8:1; Ps 30; John 6:30-35  
Wednesday Acts 8:1-8; Ps 66; John 6:35-40

**Thursday** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 65; John 6:44-51  
**Friday** Apocalypse 12:10-12; Ps 125; John 15:18-21  
**Saturday** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 115; John 6:60-69

## 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

**THANK YOU** to the 25 Parishioners have registered their card for Gift Aid donations using the new DONA system. It is very simple to do this - and we would like everybody to consider registering their cards so that Gift Aid can be collected from the government.



**To register for Gift Aid donations you must first register your contactless card by making a donation on-line from your computer using the DONA 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, house number, post code and email address.
- 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



### USING THE NEW UNIT IN CHURCH

- 1 Tap on the amount you wish to donate or press CUSTOM to enter a different amount.
- 2 Place your contactless card on the unit to the side, and wait for a peep and a message thanking you for your donation.



### Click here for Archbishop Bernard's Easter message

Archbishop Bernard Longley gives his Easter Message outside Archbishop's House in Birmingham

**Have you ever visited St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham?**



**Click here to go to Virtual Tour of St Chad's Cathedral**

## 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 Gooneseckara, 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:** Catherine (Reenie) Hilland, Teresa Maughan.

**those whose anniversary occurs this week:** Mary Breene, Nancy Johnson, Ronald Langley.

[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](mailto:corpus.OLL.news@gmail.com).**

### Polish Masses in Oxford...

now at Blessed Dominic Barberi, Littlemore.

### Syro-Malabar Masses

celebrated at Corpus Christi (normally 3.00pm on Sundays).

### Confirmation 2021 All celebrations will be at 6.30pm.

Monday 17 May

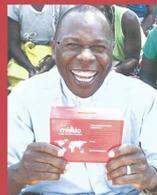
Tuesday 18 May

Monday 24 May

Tuesday 25 May

### First Holy Communion 2021: Sunday, 13 June all Masses.

## Let's think outside the box!



# missio

**CLICK HERE TO DONATE ON-LINE**

Send a cheque: Pay Missio-Mill Hill to and send to Missio, 23 Eccleston Sq. London SW1V 1NU

Text REDBOX 10 to give £10 to 70085

**Your Red Box is really important. But it can't be opened at the moment, so please help if you can.**

## 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](http://www.justgiving.com/communityemergency-foodbank)

### 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. There is no need to contact the Parish first.

**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](http://www.comeandsee.org)

### The Bible Timeline Course

