



# Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

5th Sunday of Lent, 2nd April 2017

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## Parish Diary

### Saturday 1st April

Lent Feria

10am Terry Banner Jnr & Snr

10.30am Confessions

10.30am Brass Cleaning Team

6.30pm Pro Populo

### Sunday 2nd April

#### 5th Sunday of Lent

8.30am Sean Hickey (RIP)

10.30am John Cleary (RIP)

12.30pm Sunday Family Lunch

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour

5pm Malcolm Morris (RIP)

6pm Bible Timeline

### Monday 3rd April

Lent Feria

9.30am Holy Souls

### Tuesday 4th April

Lent Feria

9.30am Julianne Feeley (int)

### Wednesday 5th April

Lent Feria

9.30am St Anthony (thanksgiving)

### Thursday 6th April

Lent Feria

NO MASS

### Friday 7th April

Lent Feria

9.30am Derek & Christine Tomkins (RIP)

10am Stations of the Cross

7pm Mann-Lee Chiang (int) *Traditional Sung Latin Mass*

### Saturday 8th April

Lent Feria

10am Mora & Jim Tingley (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

11.30am Baptism (Emily Firza)

6.30pm Domenico Nicotera (RIP)

### Sunday 9th April

#### Palm Sunday

8.30am Pro Populo

10.30am Willie & Robert Doherty, Fran

Mary & Julia Cobere (RIP)

5pm Denis & Edward Kane (RIP)

**Holy Week Schedules** are now available to take home. Please note especially:

- ◆ Extra opportunities for Confession on the Saturday before Palm Sunday, Holy Monday, Holy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.
- ◆ Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at St Andrew's on Holy Monday at 8pm
- ◆ CTU Walk of Witness on Good Friday, starting at St Andrew's church at 11am
- ◆ Solemn Services here on Maundy Thursday (8pm), Good Friday (3pm) and Holy Saturday (8pm)
- ◆ There is no Holy Hour for the next two Sundays and no evening Mass on Easter Sunday

**This Sunday** we have our monthly Family Lunch—all welcome. Please bring food and drink to share.

**Next week is Palm Sunday.** Depending on the weather, we hope to begin Masses outside the main entrance of the church in the area with the trees. Here the Gospel will be read and the palms blessed. Please remember that Masses will take longer than usual next weekend and there will be no Holy Hour on Sunday.

**Readers for Holy Week** If you are a reader and would like to read at the services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday (including the Vigil), please let Fr Nicholas or Angela know.

**Lenten Course—Bible Timeline** This popular course is running on the Sundays of Lent from 6pm to 7.30pm in the Church Hall. We will be covering more of the Old Testament; this week 2 Samuel. Do come along even if you missed previous sessions. Each session stands alone.

**Lent 2017** This penitential season is a wonderful opportunity for new beginnings and spiritual renewal. Please remember that there are Stations of the Cross **each Friday at 10am**. This fifth week of Lent, why not:

- make a longer thanksgiving after Holy Communion/Mass
- do a spring clean and take a bag of stuff to a charity shop
- walk or cycle rather than use the car (to find out more see [www.cafod.org.uk/livesimply](http://www.cafod.org.uk/livesimply))

**Confessions in Lent** As well as extra times for confession here in the church during Holy Week (please watch this space), Reconciliation Services with individual confessions will take place at Immaculate Heart, Hayes on Holy Monday (10th April) at 7.30pm and Most Sacred Heart, Ruislip on Holy Tuesday (11th April) at 7.30pm. All are welcome!

**Good Friday 2017** We are delighted that the 3pm Service of Commemoration of the Lord's Passion this year will be led by Bishop John Wilson, our Auxiliary Bishop. He has also kindly agreed to help with Confessions afterwards.

**Planned Giving Envelopes** The boxes with envelopes for the next year are now available at the back of the church. New members of the Planned Giving Scheme are always welcome and all who pay income tax are encouraged to Gift Aid their offerings. This enables us to increase your offerings by 25%; in previous years we have generated up to an additional £10,000 for parish funds. Simply complete and return the form available in the porch. We would also encourage you to make your regular offerings by Standing Order. This reduces administration and means we hold less cash on the premises. If you currently Gift Aid your offerings but no longer pay income tax, please let us know so that we can change records accordingly. Thank you for your vital support for our parish!

**Pilgrimage 2017** We are hoping to go to Malta between 23rd and 27th October, costing £590 (including half-board and flights with Air Malta to and from Heathrow). Forms are available from Angela. Please return them to her as soon as you can and she will check them and forward them to St Peter's Pilgrimages.

**Help Needed** My name is Tracey Allan and I am a parishioner here at Our Lady & St Michael's who is currently completing an MA in Theology. For my dissertation, I need your help! I want to explore why people choose to continue to practice their faith as adults. I have put together a number of questions which I need people to complete, if they have been prac-

tising Catholics all/most of their life. All the answers are confidential and will only be used for the purposes of this research. It should take between 15-20 minutes to complete. The questionnaire closes on Monday 17th April. Please visit: <https://stmarys.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/understanding-catholic-practice>. Your contribution is essential in helping me to write something interesting! If you have any questions or problems with the link please don't hesitate to contact me: [allantcf@aol.com](mailto:allantcf@aol.com)

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes** Every year, the Diocese of Westminster takes a large number of sick pilgrims to Lourdes and we rely on the help of volunteers to care for them. If you are between 16 and 18, you can serve as a Red Cap, helping people in wheelchairs and taking part in the processions and many other tasks. Please contact Katrina at [katrina.lavery@clovershipping.com](mailto:katrina.lavery@clovershipping.com) if you would like to learn more. If you are interested in helping in the St Frai, please email chief helper Nick Leonard and team at [westminsterstfrai@gmail.com](mailto:westminsterstfrai@gmail.com) This year's pilgrimage takes place 23rd to 29th July.

**We are on Instagram!** Check us out on [@uxbridgecatholic](https://www.instagram.com/uxbridgecatholic). We can also be followed on Facebook ([@Uxbridge Catholic Parish](https://www.facebook.com/UxbridgeCatholicParish)) and Twitter ([@UxbridgeCath](https://twitter.com/UxbridgeCath)).

**In case you are admitted to hospital** please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain.

## Sunday Collections:

### 26th March

Loose Plate £483.18

Planned Giving £373.57

**Total £856.75**

**A further £197.47 was raised for Westminster Caritas.**

### Pope's Prayer Intention for

**April:** 'that young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.'

**Point to Ponder:** 'Lordship over death does not impede Jesus from experiencing sincere compassion for the sorrow of parting. Seeing Mary and Martha crying and Jesus too "is deeply moved and disturbed" and in the end "he wept". Jesus' heart is divine-human: In him God and man have perfectly met, without separation and without confusion, he is the image, indeed, the incarnation of the God who is love, mercy, paternal and maternal tenderness, of the God who is Life. This is why he solemnly declares to Martha: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, he will live." And he adds: "Do you believe this?" It is a question that Jesus addresses to each one of us; a question that certainly overwhelms us.... Yes, O Lord! We too believe, despite our doubts and our darkness; we believe in you, because you have the words of eternal life; we want to believe in you, who gives us a trustworthy hope of life beyond life, of authentic and full life in your kingdom of light and peace.' (Pope Benedict XVI)

## For Your Diary...

**2nd April** Sunday Family Lunch, 12.30pm

**10th April** Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at St Andrews, 8pm

**Sundays of Lent** Bible Timeline, 6pm

### Youth Group Meetings

4pm on 1st April, 6th May, 3rd June & 1st July



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