



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

1st Sunday of Advent (C), 2nd December 2018

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Parish Diary

Saturday 1st December

Sat Commemoration of Our Lady

10am Mary Hassett (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

11am Baptism Preparation (church)

6.30pm Pro Populo

Sunday 2nd December

1st Sunday of Advent

8.30am Patrick Heneghan (tx)

10.30am Jim & Josie Keogh (RIP)

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Maria & Zenon Kostentiw (RIP)

6pm Let It Be Done Unto Me #3 (hall)

Monday 3rd December

St Francis Xavier (Migrants Day)

9.30am Sandy Vaccari (RIP)

Tuesday 4th December Advent FERIA

9.30am Jim Mernin (RIP)

Wednesday 5th December Advent FERIA

9.30am Mark King (RIP)

Thursday 6th December

St Nicholas, Bishop

NO MASS

Friday 7th December

St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

9.30am Holy Souls

followed by tea and coffee in the hall

7pm Pauline De Silva (RIP)

Sung Traditional Latin Mass

Saturday 8th December

Immaculate Conception

10am Joan O'Reilly (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

11.30am Baptism (Isabella Petford)

4.30pm Confirmation Recollection (hall)

6.30pm Ophilda D'Souza (RIP)

with enrolment of Confirmation candidates

Sunday 9th December

2nd Sunday of Advent

8.30am Pro Populo

9.15am First Communion Class #4 (hall)

10.30am Terry Thompson

12.30pm Parish Sunday Lunch

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Gerard Thelan (RIP)

6pm Let It Be Done Unto Me #4 (hall)

'Let It be Done Unto Me According To Your Word: How Mary helps Us To Be Filled With God.' This exciting course, based on a DVD presented by David Payne from café, continues this Sunday at 6pm (after the 5pm Mass) and will run for five weeks. This week's session is called **'Mother of All'**. Why not come to know and understand Our Lady better this Advent?

This weekend there will be a fire briefing at all Masses, so that we know what to do in the event of an emergency.

Towards Christmas

- Our **andlelit Rorate Mass** will be at 7am on Wednesday 19th December, followed by breakfast in the hall.
- Volunteers are needed to help with cleaning the brass items in the church and sacristy on Friday **14th December** after the morning Mass and also to clean the church after the 9.30am Mass on Friday **21st December**.
- **Living Nativity** At the 6pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve we ask our young children to help recreate the crib scene. There will be a rehearsal at 11am on Saturday 22nd December—but children who can't make this are invited to wear angel or animal costumes to the Mass!
- **Christmas Masses are: on Christmas Eve 6pm Vigil and 11pm Solemn Mass (with carols from 10.30pm) and on Christmas morning 8.30am and 10.30am Masses.**

Confirmation Afternoon of Recollection Our Confirmation course begins next Saturday in the hall, starting at 4.30pm and leading into the 6.30pm Vigil Mass, where the candidates will be officially enrolled. If you signed up to the course, please come along!

Parish Sunday Lunch takes place next weekend, after the 10.30am Mass. Please bring food and drink to share!

Parish Tea & Coffee Morning takes place after the 9.30am Mass on Friday 7th December in the church hall. All are welcome.

School Forms/CCPs Fr Nicholas will be signing the Certificate of Catholic Practise (CCP) for Nursery 2019 on 23rd January, 4pm-6pm. Interview slots will be available in the new year.

Faith Sharing Group meets at homes locally every Thursday at 7.30pm. We talk about our Faith normally by using the next Sunday Gospel and Readings as a prompt. All welcome. Please contact Maciek (07553 850304) or Gerard (07752 721549) if you are interested in attending. They will give the venue details.

Youth Charity Cake Sale and Coffee Morning Our Youth Group will be holding a homemade cake sale to raise money to make goodies bags for the homeless. The latest figures show that 4,751 people slept rough across England on any given night in 2017. We are hoping to raise money to include useful items such as socks, water bottles, fruit snacks, wipes, etc. in the bags. Please join us on Saturday 15th December in the Church Hall after the morning mass and enjoy our delicious cakes, biscuits, tea and coffee and help support our Youth Group in raising money for this great cause.

Help Needed washing our servers cassocks and cottas for Christmas. They can be collected from the sacristy at any time Thank you!

Red Mission Boxes and Planned Giving Envelopes Due to GDPR regulations, these will no longer be left at the back of church but can be collected from the sacristy.

'8 + 12: Memorable Celebrations of Chanukah & Christmas' A joint talk organised by the Council of Christians and Jews (Hillingdon) at Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue by Fr Nicholas and Rabbi Dr Andrew Goldstein on Tuesday 11th December at 2.30pm. Entry donation is £3 (or £2 for CCJ Members), including a tea party with quiz, kosher doughnuts and vegetarian mince pies!

Christmas Day Lunch in Harefield If you are alone this Christmas and unable to travel, St Mary's church hall are hosting a Christmas Lunch on 25th December, 1pm-4pm. This is free and transport can be available: to book please phone 01895 825960 or email office@stmarys-harefield.org.uk

Fire Brigade Carols At Hillingdon Fire Station on 11th December there will be an afternoon tea for elderly residents from 4.30pm and then at 7pm a carol concert, open to all, with music and band supplied by The Salvation Army.

Charity Christmas Card Shop is open at the Oasis Coffee Bar, St Margaret's, Windsor Street, Uxbridge Monday-Saturday 10am-2pm. Why not have a look?

Christmas Celebration at Westminster Cathedral will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th December featuring the Westminster Cathedral Choir. The evening includes music, celebrity readings and a reflection. Cost: from £10 to £50. For tickets, visit the Cathedral Gift Shop or www.ticketmaster.co.uk.

Part-Time Carer required for elderly Italian lady (who is fluent in English), based in Hazlemere (Bucks). Work is casual, on self-employed basis, £13 per hour, 9.30am-11am Mon-Fri. Duties to include shower/dressing supervision, bed making, light cleaning, occasional trips to shops, etc. Applicant must be a car driver. If interested, please contact Mr P Kent on 07847213624 between 6pm and 7.30pm.

Catholic History Walks: London at Christmas and the New Year Sunday 16th December 2018 & Wednesday 2nd January 2019, both at 3pm. Join a group for seasonal walks through Westminster and Victoria, taking in Christmas trees and crib-scenes. Meet at Westminster Cathedral. Nearest Tube: Victoria.

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

Do You Have A Room to Rent in Uxbridge?—if interested, please contact Pip on 07741470444.

We're connected! Check us out on Instagram (@uxbridgecatholic), Facebook (@Uxbridge Catholic Parish) and Twitter (@UxbridgeCath), as well as our website (www.catholicchurchuxbridge.org.uk).

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: 'that people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.'

Sunday Collections:
Sunday 25th November
Loose Plan: £752.96
Planned Giving: £435.23
Total: £1,188.19 *Many thanks!*

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions
Sanctuary: Holy Souls
Lady Altar: The Homeless

Point to Ponder: 'Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return. He will return to us in the celebration of Christmas, when we will remember his historic coming in the humility of the human condition; but he enters our heart each time we are willing to receive him; and he will come again at the end of time to "judge the living and the dead". Therefore, we must always be vigilant and await the Lord with the hope of encountering him.' (Pope Francis)

For Your Diary

Candelit Rorate Mass

Wednesday 19th December,
7am

Infant Baptism Preparation

Class Saturday 26th January,
4pm

Marriage Preparation

Course 2nd and 16th February,
2pm-5.30pm



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