



# Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

First Sunday of Advent (Year B), 3rd December 2017

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## Parish Diary

### Saturday 2nd December

Sat Commemoration of Our Lady

10am Mary O'Brien (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

2.30pm Baptism Preparation Class

4pm-6pm Youth Group (hall)

6.30pm Pro Populo

### Sunday 3rd December

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8.30am Mary Reilly (RIP)

10.30am Blanca Lilia Vejarana (RIP)

11.30am Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Carlton Hunt (RIP)

### Monday 4th December

Advent FERIA

9.30am Private intention

7pm Alpha #10 (hall)

### Tuesday 5th December

Advent FERIA  
9.30am Lowery family (RIP)

### Wednesday 6th December

St Nicholas, Bishop

9.30am Placy D'Souza (RIP)

### Thursday 7th December

St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

NO MASS

### Friday 8th December

#### Immaculate Conception

9.30am Ernest & Piedade Vaz (RIP)

### Saturday 9th December

St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

10am Holy Souls

10.30am-11am Confessions

11.30am Baptism (Denis Wolski  
& Alice Wolska)

1.30pm Baptism (Oliver Fabellar)

6.30pm Rosemary Latham (5th Ann)

### Sunday 10th December

#### 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.30am Pro Populo

9.15am First Communion Class #4 (hall)

10.30am Joyce Wright (RIP)

11.30am Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal

12.30pm Parish Sunday Lunch

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Richard Sweeney (RIP)

**Alpha Course** runs every Monday 7pm-9pm until 11th December. Sessions begin with a simple meal and everyone is welcome, even if you have not attended before. Information about the course is available in the church or please contact Maciek Zagwojski on 07553 850304/ [m.zagwojski@gmail.com](mailto:m.zagwojski@gmail.com)

**Christmas Pop Up Choir** is being formed again for the Parish Carol Service on 17th December at 6.30pm. All are welcome! No experience needed, just the willingness to come to rehearsals on Sundays 11.30am-12.15pm (after 10.30am Mass).

**Parish Sunday Lunch** takes place next Sunday after the 10.30am Mass—all are welcome. Please do bring along food and drink to share.

**Christmas Timetable** As we begin Advent the forthcoming Christmas festivities are very much in our mind. Christmas falls on a Monday this year, meaning that Christmas Eve is also the Fourth Sunday of Advent! Full Christmas schedules are available, along with the CTU Christmas card, but services over the Christmas weekend will be:

#### **Saturday 23rd December (Christmas FERIA)**

10am Mass

No Evening Mass

#### **Sunday 24th December (Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve)**

8.30am Mass

10.30am Sung Mass

6pm Vigil Mass for Christmas with 'Living Nativity'

10.30pm Carols, leading into

11pm Solemn Mass of Christmas Night (ending around Midnight)

#### **Sunday 25th December (Christmas Day)**

8.30am Mass (with carols)

10.30am Sung Mass

No Evening Mass.

Please note that 'Midnight Mass' this will start at 11pm, so that it ends at Midnight. We have decided to trial the timing this year in order to make things easier for all those involved!

**Funerals** Sadly, a number of funerals have come over the next few weeks: Margaret Rowe (1pm on Wednesday 13th December), Bernadette Reinhardt (11am on Friday 15th December) and Geraldine Flynn, the daughter of Mary and Stephen (11am on 19th December). This Friday there will also be a crematorium service for Yolande Mellor, late of Clare House. May they all rest in peace!

**Catholic Schools** The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. This cap currently limits the numbers of Catholics that can be admitted to some new Catholic schools to 50% of the total number of school admissions, meaning that many Catholic pupils would be denied a place. The Government have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it; now we need to ask them not to u-turn on this promise. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

**Christmas Readers**—if you are a reader and would like to do one of the readings at a Christmas Mass, please see Angela.

**Advent Confessions** There will be extra confessions just before Christmas but there will also be a Day of Reconciliation at St Thomas More, Eastcote on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Confessions will be available during exposition from 10am until 6pm (except 12.45-2.15).

**News from the Home Visit Team** Would you be willing to give a lift to elderly or housebound parishioners to and from church for a Christmas Mass? Also, do you know of a Catholic living in Uxbridge who is unable to come to church but would like a visit from a priest and/or our Home Visiting Team? If so, please see Angela.

**Altar Servers** There will be a training session for all servers on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. Please come along!

**Sanctuary Lamps** As you know, a candle burns all day and all night before the Blessed Sacrament and the altar of Our Lady. If you would like to sponsor one of these candles for a particular intention (e.g. for a deceased loved one or as a thanksgiving) for one week, please let us know and we will print the details in the newsletter. Suggested donation for one seven day candle: £10.

**Calling all Brunel students!** Calling all Brunel students! Brunel Catholic Society is meeting this Wednesday at 2.45pm outside the Eastern Gateway. We will be sharing some Christmas Joy to those at Marian House with carols and cheer. Mass is celebrated at the Meeting House once a month—the next date is 6<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm.

**Pield Heath Christmas Draw** Tickets are now available from Fr Nicholas and Angela. Prizes include £160 voucher for Family Photography Experience, £100 voucher for John Lewis and a Luxury Christmas hamper.

**Westminster Year Book 2018** is now available, priced £4.50 each, with full information about the parishes, chaplaincies and other agencies of our diocese, and a liturgical calendar for 2018.

**FoodBank at Christmas** This Advent why not donate tinned or dried food and place it in the FoodBank box in the porch to help those in need?

**Sleeping Bags** Please bring in any unwanted sleeping bags to help the homeless this winter. We will give them out to any rough sleepers who come to us and we will also pass some to St Margaret's to assist their work with the homeless. Thank you.

**Good News from Douay Martyrs** The School has been awarded the Cardinal Hume Award—'Living out the option for the poor' - for its outstanding work with refugees and the homeless, its donation campaign for victims of the Grenfell Tower disaster and fundraising for CAFOD, Catholic Children's Society, and many other charities. Congratulations!

**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](http://www.catholicchurchuxbridge.org.uk)).

**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 or Angela.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for December** is 'that the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.'

**Sunday Collection:**  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
Loose Plate £655.83  
Planned Giving £363.25  
**Total: £1,019.08 Many thanks!**

**This Week's Sanctuary Lamp Intentions**  
Bl. Sacrament: Kathleen Fenlon (RIP)  
Our Lady: Protection of Human Life

### For Your Diary...

**Parish Carol Service** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm

**Candlelit Rorate Mass**  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December,  
7.30am

**Evening Tour of Diocesan Archive** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February



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