



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C), 3rd February 2019

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Parish Diary

Saturday 2nd February Presentation of the Lord

10am Heslin family (int)
10.30am-11am Confessions
2pm-5.30pm Marriage Preparation
(hall)
6.30pm Leonard & Amelia Anthony
(RIP)

Sunday 3rd February

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Pauline Heslin (RIP)
10.30am Pro Populo
3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction
5pm Pekala & Baran family (RIP)

Monday 4th February

Feria
9.30am Derek & Christina Tomkins
(RIP)

Tuesday 5th February

St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
9.30am Mary-Ann Logue (RIP)
& family (int)
7pm Confirmation Class (hall)

Wednesday 6th February

SS Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
9.30am Eileen Nolan (5th Ann)
1pm Mass at Brunel University

Thursday 7th February

Feria
NO MASS

Friday 8th February

9.30am Agnes & Peter Retter (RIP)
2pm Memorial Service for Kate Peebles

Saturday 9th February

Sat Commemoration of Our Lady
NO 10AM MASS/CONFESSIONS
12 noon Mass of Healing for the Sick
4pm-6pm Youth Group (hall)
6.30pm Jim Keogh (1st Ann)

Sunday 10th February

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Brenda Ahearne (1st Ann)
9.15am First Communion Class#7 (hall)
10.30am Richard Charles Rose (RIP)
followed by Sunday Parish Lunch
3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction
5pm Pro Populo

This weekend is the Feast of St Blaise (2nd February) and there will be an opportunity to receive the traditional blessing of throats after Masses.

Next Sunday we welcome Fr Michael Heap, a member of the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers), who will be preaching a mission appeal at all Masses. The work of the White Fathers is focussed on building up self-reliant Christian communities at a 'grass roots' level through parish ministry, work with refugees, education and training of future priests, etc. Please give generously in the second collection next week.

Mass of Healing for the Sick takes place next Saturday (9th February) at 12 noon. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during Mass. All are welcome to attend. A special invitation is extended to all who are sick or infirm, all hospital chaplains, doctors, nurses, healthcare assistants and all who work in healthcare. We need volunteers to greet or drive the sick/housebound to church, as well as donations of cake! If you can help or want to request a lift then please see Fr Nicholas or Angela.

Confirmation Class takes place this Tuesday (5th February) at 7pm. Please remember to bring your consent form for Flame at Wembley.

Youth Group next meets 4pm-6pm on Saturday 9th February.

Parish Sunday Lunch next takes place after 10.30am mass on Sunday 10th February. All welcome; please bring food and drink to share.

Marriage Preparation This weekend we start our Marriage Preparation Course with twelve couples from local parishes (including our own). Please remember them in your prayers.

Kate Peebles (RIP) We were sorry to hear of Kate Peeble's death on 12th January, aged 49. She worked for many years as a paramedic and often attended our church. Her Funeral took place at Fanad, County Donegal, but her friends are organizing a Memorial Service here on Friday 8th February at 2pm.

New Altar Linen Cleaning Rota is now available and can be found in the rack near the sacristy. We thank those who clean our altar linen and ask that once cleaned they are returned to the church as quickly as possible. If for any reason you are not able to continue on the rota then please let us know!

Deanery Lenten Day of Recollection is being planned for Saturday 6th April at Pield Heath School, at which Bishop John Wilson will be speaking. This is open to all parishioners—watch this space and save the date!

New Year New Start!

- ♦ Volunteers are needed to help with the **Sunday Lunch on 10th February** at Christ Church for the elderly who live alone. If you are able to help, please contact Lucia on 07879847388.
- ♦ Many of us have lots of loose change around the house and in odd pockets. Why not donate it to the missions (*Missio*). If you would like a red box or if you have a red box to return or collect, please see Angela in the sacristy.
- ♦ **Hillingdon Street Angels** witness to Christ by engaging with people in need on our streets, especially at night. Volunteers need to be over 18, able to commit at least one night per month and have the right skill set and motivation (training will be provided). Please see Fr Nicholas or Angela if interested.

Talk on the Kindertransport We are delighted that Ann and Bob Kirk will be giving a talk in the parish hall on Sunday **7th April** at **6.15pm**. Both in their nineties, they were among the 10,000 Jewish children evacuated to safety to the UK in 1939. Often they were the only members of their families to survive the Holocaust. Ann and Bob will be giving a moving account of their life story. Please make a note of the date and tell your friends: it is not to be missed!

Parking Please park around the church sensibly, maximising the space for other cars and making sure you are not blocking the gates to BT which need 24 hour access. Vehicles should also not be parked too close to the roundabout, i.e. by the pavement area with railings.

Our Lady of Lourdes Toddler Stay and Play meets in our hall Tuesdays and Thursday, 9am-11.30am. If interested, just turn up and chat to Sue or Grainne.

SVP Concert Alexander Armstrong, renowned soprano Miranda Heldt, actor Alex MacQueen and the Choir With No Name will perform a fundraising concert in aid of SVP Vinnie Packs for the homeless on Monday 4th February at 7pm at Farm Street Church, Mayfair. Tickets costing £30 are available by typing Vinnie Packs in the 'Looking for' section on the Eventbrite website www.eventbrite.co.uk.

Faith Matters Question Time next takes place at Farm Street church on Thursday 7th February at 6.45pm on the topic of 'Violent Crime in London: What Can Be Done?' The main presentation will be given by Barry and Margaret Mizen of the For Jimmy Foundation, with responses by Fr Michael Holman SJ and a representative of the Legatum Institute. Suggested donation of £10 on the door. To book email farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk or call 020 7529 4829. Poster for the noticeboard attached.

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.

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for February: 'For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.'

Sunday Collections:
Sunday 27th January
Loose Plan: £699.03
Planned Giving: £311.54
Total: £1,010.57
Many thanks!

Point to Ponder: 'For some time now, a subtle weariness seems to have found a place in our communities, a weariness that has nothing to do with the Lord's weariness. And here we need to be careful. It is a temptation that we might call the weariness of hope. This weariness is felt when – as in the Gospel – the sun beats down mercilessly and with such intensity that it becomes impossible to keep walking or even to look ahead. Everything becomes confused. I am not referring here to that "peculiar heaviness of heart" felt by those who feel "shattered" at the end of the day, yet manage a serene and grateful smile. I am speaking of that other weariness, which comes from looking ahead once reality "hits" and calls into question the energy, resources and viability of our mission in this changing and challenging world.

Weariness from the journey can happen; it can make itself felt. Like it or not, we do well to have the same courage as the Master... The Lord says, "Give me a drink", he asks us to say those same words. As we say them, let us open the door and let our wearied hope return without fear to the deep well of our first love, when Jesus passed our way, gazed at us with mercy, and he chose us and asked us to follow him.' (Pope Francis)

For Your Diary

Mass of Healing for the Sick, in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes Saturday 9th February, 12 noon.

Infant Baptism Preparation Class Saturday 9th March 11am

Deanery Retreat Day, Saturday 6th April (Pield Heath School)

Talk on Kindertransport, Sunday 7th April, 6.15pm



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