



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

3rd Sunday of Lent (B), 4th March 2018

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Parish Diary

Saturday 3rd March Lent Feria

10am Policarpo Goes (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

11.30am Baptism (Hannah Chmiel)

1.30pm Baptism (Eden van Hoorn)

4pm Baptism (Rafael Barros)

4pm-6pm Youth Group (hall)

6.30pm Eddie Beale (RIP)

Sunday 4th March

3rd Sunday of Lent

8.30am Bridget Wolstenholme (RIP)

9.15am First Communion class #9 (hall)

10.30am Pro Populo

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Concordia Soanes (RIP)

Monday 5th March

Lent Feria

9.30am Lowery family (RIP)

7pm Bible Timeline (hall)

Tuesday 6th March

Lent Feria

9.30am Fr Tommy Heneghan (5th Ann)

11am Jim Keogh (Funeral)

Wednesday 7th March

Lent Feria

8.30am Ophilda D'Souza (RIP)

10am Funeral Mass

Thursday 8th March

Lent Feria

NO MASS

Friday 9th March

Lent Feria

9.30am Jim Keogh (RIP)

6.30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 10th March Lent Feria

10am Pro-Life/GCN (int)

10.30am-11am Confessions

2pm-5pm Marriage Preparation Course

6.30pm Leonard & Emilia Anthony (RIP)

Sunday 11th March

4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare)

8.30am Holy Souls

10.30am Pro Populo

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Pekala, Baran & Dec families (RIP)

6.15pm Lenten Talk: Rabbi Goldstein

Ideas for Lent

- Pray for at least ten minutes each day or say the Rosary
- Slowly read a book of the Bible or another spiritual book
- Go to Confession
- Give up (or reduce) Facebook, chocolate, alcohol or something else that you habitually enjoy!
- Come to **Stations of the Cross** each Friday at 10am (or 6.30pm on 9th March)
- Attend the **Lenten Talk** on 11th March at 6.15pm
- Join the **Bible Timeline** course on Mondays at 7pm
- Give money to the Cardinal's Lenten Alms (see the leaflets) and/or another **charity**
- Contribute to the **Hillingdon Food bank** (see separate note)

This Sunday we ask all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Eucharist to gather for a few minutes after Mass near the sacristy door for a brief meeting.

Mass on Wednesday is at 8.30am due to a Funeral Mass at 10am. The church will be open from 8am.

Stations of the Cross Don't forget that this week's stations will be at 6.30pm on Friday.

Bible Timeline will be meeting at **7pm** on Mondays in Lent. All are welcome, even if you have not attended previous sessions. This course, based on DVD presentations, discussion and our own prayerful reading of Scripture, will help us discover the Old Testament and the way it is linked to the New Testament. The focus of the next session is the 'Divided Kingdom: Part 2': 1 Kings 12-22, 2 Kings. If possible please bring your Bible with you, though copies will be available. All are welcome, even if you missed previous session.

Parish Lenten Talk We are delighted that Rabbi Dr Andrew Goldstein has kindly agreed to give a talk at **6.15pm** on Sunday **11th March** on 'If I forget thee O Jerusalem....a Jewish view of the Holy City'. Jerusalem plays a central role in both our Faiths and the talk will tie in nicely to the Bible Timeline course. Rabbi Goldstein is originally from Warwick and was Senior Rabbi for many years at the Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue and has published widely. Please do make a note of the date in your diary!

Talk by Fr Nicholas on the 'Life and Legacy of Cardinal Manning' will take place at the Jesuit church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, on Monday 5th March at 6.45pm (nearest station: Green Park). This accompanies an exhibition on the cardinal, who was a famous convert, social reformer and second Archbishop of Westminster. All welcome!

Jim Keogh RIP We were very sorry to hear of Jim's death on 9 February, aged 88. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated here on Tuesday 6th March at 11am, followed by burial at Woodcock Hill Cemetery. We assure Lorraine of our love and prayers and pray that Jim is now reunited with Josie, who died two years ago. May he rest in peace.

Planned Giving Envelopes for the next year are now available for collection at the back of the church. Please note that your number may have changed so please check you have the correct box! New members of the planned giving scheme are always welcome and new and existing members who pay income tax are encouraged to gift aid their donations. This enables the parish to increase the value of your offering by 25%: in the last year the parish received over £10,000 in gift aid. To join the planned giving scheme and/or gift aid your donation simply complete and return the form available in the porch. You might find it more convenient to make your donation using standing order/direct debit. This also cuts down our administration. Mandates for you to complete and pass directly to your bank are also in the porch. If we currently claim gift aid on your donations but you no longer pay income tax please let us know so that we can amend our records.

Parish Pilgrimage to Greece (Thessaloniki to Athens) 'in the footsteps of St Paul' is being organised with St Peter's Pilgrimages, 22nd-27th October, at a cost of £790, including flights, half-board accommodation (single room supplement £30 per night). Please see Angela for further information.

Sanctuary Lamps Don't forget that the lamps in front of the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Lourdes can be burnt for your intention. Suggested donation: £10 for a seven day candle.

Fairtrade Fortnight aims to put a spotlight on trade. When trade is fair it has the potential to improve the lives of the farmers and workers who grow our food, and help make the world a better place. Please do look at the table in the porch with various Fairtrade items for sale. If you use Facebook or Twitter you might wish to follow Fairtrade and join their 'thunderclap'.

Hillingdon Food Bank is currently experiencing very heavy demand for its service and has now little or no stock of certain items (tinned meat and fish, long-life milk and juice, instant mash, rice, pasta sauce, jam, granulated sugar) as well as 10p supermarket carrier bags. These can be placed in the box in the church porch. It is also looking for a volunteer 'man with a van' for 2/3 hours a week (contact Vine on 07718054246).

Spanish Tutor for All Ages
Please contact Rocio Yates on 07958025030.

Calling all Brunel students!
Please contact us via our chaplain Sr Mary: mary.kenefick@brunel.ac.uk or on our Facebook group: Brunel Catholic Society.

Churches Together in Uxbridge (CTU) is looking for a new volunteer to take on the role of Treasurer starting at the AGM in June 2018. Last year the total expenditure was just under £1600 so this is not a very onerous task. Meetings are held in one of the Uxbridge churches five times a year. For further details, please contact

Jenny Reid (Secretary) on jennyreid36@btinternet.com

Hillingdon Choral Society are performing Handel's Messiah (Part 2) and music for Easter at Ickenham United Reformed Church, Swakeleys Rd UB10 8BE. Tickets £12/£3 children; 02085823694 or hillingdonchoral.society@gmail.com

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).

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 March is 'that the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels'.

Sunday Collection:
Sunday 25th February
Loose Plan: £658.52
Planned Giving: £453.00
Total: £1,111.52
A further £585.12 was raised for CAFOD.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamp Intentions
Bl. Sacrament: Ophilda D'Souza (RIP)
Our Lady: Marianne & Trevor Jones (int)

For Your Diary

Stations of the Cross Every Friday, 10am (or 6.30pm on 9th March)

Lenten Talk, 11th March, 6.15pm

Baptism Preparation Course 21st April, 10.45am

Charity Wine Tasting Evening 28th April, 7.30pm



Parish Priest

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