



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

1st Sunday of Lent, 5th March 2017

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Parish Diary

Saturday 4th March

Lent Feria

10am Agnes & Peter Retter (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

11.30am Baptism (*Bathabile Malinga*)

2pm Wedding Preparation Course 1

6.30pm Eddie (RIP) & Jonquil Beale

Sunday 5th March

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8.30am John Barnett (RIP)

10.30am Pro Populo

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour

5pm Norrie & Michael Golden (RIP)

6pm Bible Timeline (hall)

Monday 6th March

Lent Feria

9.30am Feddie Lumaj (12th Ann)

& Nicholas Lumaj (RIP)

Tuesday 7th March

Lent Feria

9.30am Leo Gorman (RIP)

7pm Confirmation class

Wednesday 8th March

Lent Feria (St John of God)

9.30am Fr Tom Heneghan (4th Ann)

Thursday 9th March

Lent Feria (St Frances of Rome)

NO MASS

Friday 10th March

Lent Feria

9.30am Edward Schofield (8th Ann)

10am Stations of the Cross

8pm Men of St Joseph

Saturday 11th March

Lent Feria

NO MORNING MASS/CONFESSIONS

6.30pm Pro Populo

Sunday 12th March

2nd Sunday of Lent

8.30am Leonard & Emilia Anthony

9.15am First Communion class

10.30am Jose & Cecilia Foronda (int)

12.30pm Sunday Family Lunch

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour

5pm Leo Gorman (RIP)

6pm Bible Timeline (hall)

Fairtrade Celebration Sunday To celebrate Fairtrade Fort-night (27th February-12th March) we will be serving Fairtrade teas, coffees and biscuits after all Masses this Sunday. There will also be a Traidcraft stall and lots of information about Fairtrade. All are welcome.

Lenten Course—Bible Timeline This popular course will resume this Sunday (5th March) and continue for five weeks from 6pm to 7.30pm in the Church Hall. We will be covering more of the Old Testament, especially Judges, Joshua, 1/2 Samuel, 1 Kings. Do come along even if you missed last season. 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. Have a think about what to give up AND what extra to take on this year. This week, why not:

- say the Rosary (or part of it) as often as you can
- visit a neighbour or friend who may be lonely
- turn off lights and close doors to conserve energy (to find out more see www.cafod.org.uk/livesimply)

Flame 2017 is the largest Catholic youth event of the year, taking place at Wembley Arena on Saturday 11th March. 10,000 young Catholics are expected to attend! For those coming, we are meeting promptly at 9.15am at Uxbridge station. Please note there is **no morning Mass or confessions next Saturday**.

Next Sunday is our Sunday Family Lunch—all are welcome. Please bring along food and drink to share!

Nursery Forms The deadline at St Mary's is at Easter and we will be conducting interviews for the priest to sign the necessary paperwork a few weeks before. These will take place 4-6pm on 21st and 28th March; appointments can be made on the sheets at the back of the church. In order for the CCP to be signed, you need to show that you are practicing Catholics and have been regularly attending Sunday Mass here for at least six months. Please make sure you get your Mass Attendance Card signed each week.

Preparation for Infant Baptisms next takes place on Saturday 25th March at 2.30pm. Please see Fr Nicholas or Angela for more info.

First Holy Communion Course continues next Sunday at 9.15am.

After Sunday Mass If you are sitting on the left hand of the church, please let the servers pass and reach the sacristy before leaving the church. Thank you!

Red Missio Boxes Please check the boxes at the back of the church to see if any of yours are ready to be collected.

Lost Property The box at the back of the church is overflowing; please make sure if there is anything belonging to you!

Women's World Day of Prayer Thanks to all those who attended the service at Christ Church on Friday. We are very happy to be hosting next year's event, which will be focusing on the country of Suriname, with the theme 'All God's Creation is Very Good!'

We were very sad to hear of the deaths of some longstanding parishioners recently: **Sean Hickey**, who has died after a long illness; **Peter McAlevey** of Denziloe Avenue, Hillingdon, who for several years served Mass here, and **Philip Hartland**, formerly of The Chestnuts, Honeycroft Hill, who was a regular at our 10.30am Mass until a year or two ago. May they rest in peace.

Collectors at Masses We are always extremely grateful to parishioners who take the collection at Sunday Masses. From now on, however, we ask that the basket is taken directly to the sacristy (Fr Nicholas or Angela can show you the designated place). Please access the sacristy via the side aisle. Thank you!

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.

Parish Trip to Ypres Following on from last year's trip to the Somme, we will be going to the beautiful city of Ypres in Belgium, the scene of a bloody battle in 1917, between 30th May and 1st June (half-term). Cost: £295, inc travel (by mini-bus), accommodation and breakfast. Please see Angela if interested.

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Mass for Bereaved Parents a Mass will be celebrated for all bereaved parents at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 11th March at 2.30pm. This is the first time the diocesan-wide event has been held. As parents arrive in the Cathedral that day they will be invited to write the name of their deceased child, which will later be collected and taken to the sanctuary. All are welcome.

Annual Mass in Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony takes place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 3rd June. All those celebrating a significant anniversary (10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and every year over 60!) are invited to attend. If you would like to go along, please give Fr Nicholas the follow details: names, church and date of wedding, full postal address and email—by 10th March.

Streetlink If you are concerned about a person sleeping rough, please contact Streetlink on 0300 500 0914/www.streetlink.org.uk. This charity can put the person in touch with local services.

Hillingdon Love Your Clothes Repair Workshop This free sewing workshop will take place in our parish hall on 13th March,

6pm-9pm. If you wish to attend, please register at <http://westlondonwaste.eventbrite.co.uk> or see Angela.

We are on Instagram! Check us out on @uxbridgecatholic. We can also be followed on Facebook (@Uxbridge Catholic Parish) and Twitter (@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 February

Loose Plate £602.36

Planned Giving £531.28

Total £1,133.64

Many thanks!

Points to Ponder: 'Do not grieve over the temptations you suffer. When the Lord intends to bestow a particular virtue on us, He often permits us first to be tempted by the opposite vice. Therefore, look upon every temptation as an invitation to grow in a particular virtue and a promise by God that you will be successful, if only you stand fast.' (St Philip Neri)

'Lately I was near the beehives and some of the bees flew onto my face. I wanted to raise my hand, and brush them off. 'No,' said a peasant to me, 'do not be afraid, and do not touch them. They will not sting you at all, if you touch them they will bite you.' I trusted him; not one bit me. Trust me; do not fear these temptations. Do not touch them; they will not hurt you.' (St Francis de Sales)

For Your Diary...

11th March Flame 2017
(Wembley Arena)

12th March Sunday Family
Lunch

Sundays of Lent Bible
Timeline

21st & 28th March Signing
of Nursery Forms



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