



# Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

Epiphany of the Lord (C), 6th January 2019

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## Parish Diary

**Saturday 5th January** Christmas Feria

10am Fr Patrick Cooke (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

6.30pm Luke Campbell (int)

**Sunday 6th January**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

8.30am Pauline Heslin (RIP)

10.30am Pro Populo

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Michael & Norrie Golden (RIP)

**Monday 7th January** Christmas Feria

9.30am William English (RIP)

**Tuesday 8th January** Christmas Feria

9.30am Pauline Heslin (RIP)

7pm Confirmation Class (hall)

**Wednesday 9th January**

Christmas Feria

9.30am Margaret O'Brien (int)

Start of Term Mass with St Mary's Sch

**Thursday 10th January**

Christmas Feria

NO MASS

**Friday 11th January** Christmas Feria

9.30am Lady Peppicott (RIP)

**Saturday 12th January** Christmas Feria

10am Alice Lawrence (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

11.30am Baptism (Isla Nancy Richards)

6.30pm Pro Populo

**Sunday 13th January**

**Baptism of the Lord**

8.30am Patrick Loftus (RIP)

9.15am First Communion Class #5

10.30am Kay Kingston (RIP)

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Anne & Hugh Moss (RIP)

**Monday 14th—Friday 18th January**

**NO MASSES**

**Saturday 19th January**

Sat Commemoration of Our Lady

10am Win Malone (int)

10.30am-11am Confessions

11.30am Baptism (Milan Kargar)

6.30pm Pro Populo

**Mass times** return to normal this week after the Christmas Season—9.30am each weekday, except Thursday. Please note that there will be **no weekday Masses the week after next** (14th-18th January) and the parish office will be closed.

**Today's Feast of the Epiphany** signifies a new stage in the Christmas Season. As usual, we are giving out **Epiphany Chalk** so that you can write the traditional blessing over your front door for the year ahead. Full instructions available at the back! We keep our crib up in the church until 2nd February, the Feast of the Lord's Presentation in the Temple ('Candlemas'), which is the traditional end of Christmastide, although the tree will be disappearing over the next week or so. Let's all try to keep the spirit of Christmas alive, even though so many others simply see January as a return to normality—and Easter eggs are already on sale in the shops!

**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.

**Baptism Preparation Class** for parents of infants/young children who hope to arrange a baptism next takes place on Saturday 26th January, 4pm-5pm, in the church. At least one parent/guardian should attend and children are encouraged to stay at home, if possible! Please see Fr Nicholas or Angela for more information.

**Marriage Preparation Course** takes place here in the church hall on Saturdays 2nd and 16th February, 2pm-5.30pm.

**Nursery Priest Form Signing** takes place on Wednesday 23rd January, 4pm-6pm. You can now put your name down for 5 minute interview slots. Please remember that Fr Nicholas can only sign a CCP if you have been attending our church regularly for at least 6 months and have a Mass Attendance Card to confirm this. Please bring your child to the interview, along with all relevant paperwork (including his/her baptism certificate).

**First Holy Communion class** next takes place on Sunday 13th January at 9.15am; doors to the hall will open at 9am.

**Confirmation session**—following on from our Advent Afternoon of Recollection, we meet for our next session on Tuesday 22nd January at 7pm. We will start in the church with a few moments of silent prayer. Doors open at 6.45pm.

**Thank you** for all your cards and presents, each one much appreciated, and thank you to everyone for their hard work and support over the last year—to the Parish Team, Finance Committee, Evangelisation Team, flower arrangers, children’s liturgy co-ordinators, catechists, sacristans, altar servers, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, home visit team, counters, choir, prayer and faith sharing groups, youth group, Food Bank, CAFOD, Fair Trade and Misio co-ordinators, CTU rep, webmasters, brass, altar linen and church cleaners, and to anyone else we have not mentioned! The parish is more than just a building—it is a community and a school of discipleship. Without you, our mission could never be realised!

**New Year’s Resolution: Volunteer for CAFOD in the Westminster Diocese?** Do you have good public speaking skills and want to help us tackling poverty and injustice? CAFOD needs volunteers to speak on their behalf in parishes and/or schools in the diocese about our work in the developing world. To find out more details , or book a

place on our next Volunteer information day in London on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019 call CAFOD on 0208 449 6970 or email westminster@cafod.org.uk

**Uxbridge Junior Chess Tournament** will be taking place in our parish hall on Saturday 19th January, 1pm-5pm. Full details on the poster in the porch: to enter contact UxbridgeJuniorChess@gmail.com with your child’s name, address, telephone no, DOB and level (e.g. ‘Beginner’).

**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), as well as our website (www.catholicchurchuxbridge.org.uk).

**Pope’s Prayer Intention for January:** ‘that young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the

Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.’

**Sunday Collections:**  
**Sunday 23rd December**  
 Loose Plan: £570.99  
 Planned Giving: £326.11  
**Total: £897.10**

**Christmas Day**  
 Loose Plan: £1,737.32  
 Planned Giving: £730.94  
**Total: £2,468.26**

**Sunday 30th April**  
 Loose Plan: £363.53  
 Planned Giving: £372.80  
**Total: £736.33**

*Many thanks!*

**Point to Ponder:** ‘In our life there are several stars, lights that twinkle and guide. It is up to us to choose which ones to follow. For example, there are *flashing lights* that come and go, like the small pleasures of life: though they may be good, they are not enough...Then there is the *dazzling limelight* of money and success which promises everything, and at once. It is seductive, but with its intensity, blinds and causes dreams of glory to fade into the thickest darkness. The Magi, instead, invite us to follow a *steady light* that does not wane, because it is not of this world: it comes from heaven and shines ... where? In the heart.’

**For Your Diary**

**Nursery Form Signings**  
 Wednesday 23rd January,  
 4pm-6pm

**Infant Baptism Preparation Class**  
 Saturday 26th January,  
 4pm

**Marriage Preparation Course**  
 2nd & 16th February,  
 2pm-5.30pm

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



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