



# Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

2nd Sunday of Advent (C), 9th December 2018

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## Parish Diary

### Saturday 8th December Immaculate Conception

10am Joan O'Reilly (RIP)  
10.30am-11am Confessions  
11.30am Baptism (Isabella Petford)  
4.30pm Confirmation Recollection (hall)  
6.30pm Ophilda D'Souza (RIP)  
with enrolment of Confirmation candidates

### Sunday 9th December

#### 2nd Sunday of Advent

8.30am Pro Populo  
9.15am First Communion Class #4 (hall)  
10.30am Terry Thompson  
12.30pm Parish Sunday Lunch  
3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction  
5pm Gerard Thelan (RIP)  
6pm Let It Be Done Unto Me #4 (hall)

### Monday 10th December Advent Feria

9.30am Stephen Conroy (int)  
6.30pm First Confessions (church)

### Tuesday 11th December Advent Feria

9.30am Terry Thompson (RIP)

### Wednesday 12th December

Our Lady of Guadalupe  
9.30am Lopechino Albano (b'day tx)  
4.30pm St Mary's School Carol Service

### Thursday 13th December

St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr  
NO MASS

### Friday 14th December

St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor  
9.30am Patrick Loftus (RIP)  
followed by brass-cleaning

### Saturday 15th December

Advent Feria  
10am Richard Onwu (Ann)  
Followed by Youth Charity Cake Sale  
10.30am-11am Confessions  
6.30pm Michael O'Hara (RIP)

### Sunday 16th December

#### 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)

8.30am Holy Souls  
10.30am Pro Populo  
3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Confessions  
5pm Fr John Formby (3rd Ann)

We welcome our Confirmation candidates to our 6.30pm Vigil Mass, as they are enrolled in our 2019 programme. Let us keep them in our prayers!

**'Let It be Done Unto Me According To Your Word: How Mary helps Us To Be Filled With God.'** This exciting course, based on a DVD presented by David Payne from café, continues this Sunday at 6pm (after the 5pm Mass) and will run for five weeks. This week's session is called **'Queen of Heaven'**. Why not come to know and understand Our Lady better this Advent?

#### Towards Christmas

- **St Mary's School Carol Service** takes place in the church this Wednesday (12th December) at 4.30pm. All are welcome!
- Our **candlelit Rorate Mass** will be at 7am on Wednesday 19th December, followed by breakfast in the hall.
- Volunteers are needed to help with cleaning the brass items in the church and sacristy on Friday **14th December** after the morning Mass and also to clean the church after the 9.30am Mass on Friday **21st December**.
- **Living Nativity** At the 6pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve we ask our young children to help recreate the crib scene. There will be a rehearsal at 11am on Saturday 22nd December—but children who can't make this are invited to wear angel or animal costumes to the Mass!
- **Christmas Masses are: on Christmas Eve 6pm Vigil and 11pm Solemn Mass (with carols from 10.30pm) and on Christmas morning 8.30am and 10.30am Masses.**

**Parish Sunday Lunch** takes place this weekend, after the 10.30am Mass. Please bring food and drink to share!

**School Forms/CCPs** Fr Nicholas will be signing the Certificate of Catholic Practise (CCP) for Nursery 2019 on 23rd January, 4pm-6pm. Interview slots will be available in the new year.

**Faith Sharing Group** meets at homes locally every Thursday at 7.30pm. We talk about our Faith normally by using the next Sunday Gospel and Readings as a prompt. All welcome. Please contact Maciek (07553 850304) or Gerard (07752 721549) if you are interested in attending. They will give the venue details.

**Youth Charity Cake Sale and Coffee Morning** Our Youth Group will be holding a homemade cake sale to raise money to make goodies bags for the homeless. The latest figures show that 4,751 people slept rough across England on any given night in 2017. We are hoping to raise money to include useful items such as socks, water bottles, fruit snacks, wipes, etc. in the bags. Please join us on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December in the Church Hall after the morning mass and enjoy our delicious cakes, biscuits, tea and coffee and help support our Youth Group in raising money for this great cause.

**Pield Heath House School Christmas Fayre** takes place on Thursday 13th December, 11am-3pm, with stalls, raffle, tombola, gifts and activities. All welcome! Raffle tickets are also on sale from the sacristy.

**Help Needed** washing our servers cassocks and cottas for Christmas. They can be collected from the sacristy at any time Thank you!

**Red Mission Boxes and Planned Giving Envelopes** Due to GDPR regulations, these will no longer be left at the back of church but can be collected from the sacristy.

**'8 + 12: Memorable Celebrations of Chanukah & Christmas'** A joint talk organised by the Council of Christians and Jews (Hillingdon) at Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue by Fr Nicholas and Rabbi Dr Andrew Goldstein on Tuesday **11th December** at 2.30pm. Entry donation is £3 (or £2 for CCJ Members), including a tea party with quiz, kosher doughnuts and vegetarian mince pies!

**Fire Brigade Carols** At Hillingdon Fire Station on 11th December there will be an afternoon tea for elderly residents from 4.30pm and then at 7pm a carol concert, open to all, with music and band supplied by The Salvation Army.

**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').

**Churches Together in Uxbridge** (CTU) is seeking one or more people to fulfil the roles of Secretary, Minutes Secretary and Website and Email Administrator. An honorarium will be paid. If you

are interested, please email the current Secretary, Jenny Reid: secretary@churchestogether-uxbridge.com

**Part-Time Carer** required for elderly Italian lady (who is fluent in English), based in Hazlemere (Bucks). Work is casual, on self-employed basis, £13 per hour, 9.30am-11am Mon-Fri. Duties to include shower/dressing supervision, bed making, light cleaning, occasional trips to shops, etc. Applicant must be a car driver. If interested, please contact Mr P Kent on 07847213624 between 6pm and 7.30pm.

**Catholic History Walks: London at Christmas and the New Year** Sunday 16th December 2018 & Wednesday 2nd January 2019, both at 3pm. Join a group for seasonal walks through Westminster and Victoria, taking in Christmas trees and crib-scenes. Meet at Westminster Cathedral. Nearest Tube: Victoria.

**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.

**Do You Have A Room to Rent** in Uxbridge?—if interested, please contact Pip on 07741470444.

**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 December:** 'that people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.'

**Sunday Collections:**

**Sunday 2nd December**

Loose Plan: £703.22

Planned Giving: £302.50

**Total: £1,005.72** *Many thanks!*

**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions**

Sanctuary: Holy Souls

Lady Altar: The Homeless

**Point to Ponder:** 'The voice of the Baptist still cries in the deserts of humanity today, which are closed minds and hardened hearts. And his voice causes us to ask ourselves if we are actually following the right path, living a life according to the Gospel. Today, as then, he admonishes us with the words of the Prophet Isaiah: "Prepare the way of the Lord!". It is a pressing invitation to open one's heart and receive the salvation that God offers ceaselessly, almost obstinately, because he wants us all to be free from the slavery of sin...May the Virgin Mary, who is Mother and knows how to do so, help us to tear down the walls and the obstacles that impede our conversion, that is, our journey toward the encounter with the Lord. He alone, Jesus alone can fulfil all the hopes of humanity!' (Pope Francis)

## For Your Diary

### Candelit Rorate Mass

Wednesday 19th December,  
7am

### Infant Baptism Preparation

Class Saturday 26th January,  
4pm

### Marriage Preparation

Course 2nd and 16th February,  
2pm-5.30pm



## Parish Priest

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