



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B), 9th September 2018

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Parish Diary

Saturday 8th September

Nativity of Our Lady

10am Closing Mass for Forty Hours Adoration

10.30am-11am Confessions

4pm-6pm Youth Group (hall)

6.30pm Ophilda D'Souza (RIP)

Sunday 9th September

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Cheryl Finlay (RIP)

10.30am Pro Populo

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour & Benediction

5pm Florence McShane & Alyson East (RIP)

Monday 10th September

Feria

9.30am Fr Antonio Pineda (int)

Tuesday 11th September

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9.30am St Anthony (thanksgiving)

4pm Baptism (Sofia Lapojeva)

Wednesday 12th September

Most Holy Name of Mary

9.30am Barbara Ballard (RIP)

2pm Maria Casey (Funeral)

Thursday 13th September

St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor
NO MASS

Friday 14th September

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9.30am Hermangild D'Souza (Ann)

Saturday 15th September

Our Lady of Sorrows

10am Patrick Heneghan (int)

10.30am-11am Confessions

2.30pm Cemetery Tour (meet at chapel in Hillingdon & Uxbridge Cemetery)

6.30pm Marcel & Maria D'Costa (RIP)

Sunday 16th September

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Pekala & Baran families (RIP)

10.30am Pro Populo

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour & Benediction

5pm Frances O'Sullivan (RIP)

Thank you to everyone who flung themselves into the Forty Hours Devotion, keeping watch with the Lord by day and by night, and forming our local participation in the National Eucharistic Congress being held in Liverpool this weekend. I hope we all feel spiritually rejuvenated and might feel inspired to attend the regular Holy Hour each Sunday between 3.45pm and 4.45pm. Please also use our new Prayer Intention Board in the porch, on which you can leave your petitions through the year (though there is no need to include full names or sensitive data!). This is divided into (1) Adoration (2) Contrition (3) Thanksgiving and (4) Petition, which make the four pillars of prayer.

Cemetery Tour How often have you passed the Hillingdon and Uxbridge Cemetery on Hillingdon Rd? Dating back to the Victorian period, it contains a snapshot of our local history. Fr Nicholas will be leading a tour at 2.30pm on Saturday 15th September. Please meet outside the chapels near the main Hillingdon Road entrance. Cars can access the cemetery via Kingston Rd. All welcome!

First Holy Communion 2019 Applications are now available at the end of all weekend Masses, together with a timetable of dates and classes so that you can see the commitment for yourself and your child over the coming year. Forms must be handed in, along with the child's baptism certificate, **after Masses on 15th/16th September (next weekend!)**. Please bring the Mass Attendance Card that we asked all potential applicants to begin completing from May 2018 onwards. To be eligible to join the programme, your child should be (1) in Year 3 or above and (2) practise their Faith in this parish (hence the Mass Attendance Card). If you regularly worship here but live outside our parish boundaries (see map in the porch) then we will need a release letter from the parish priest of the address where you live. Please note that, for logistical reasons, there are limited places for the course and priority will be given to those who fulfil these criteria. You may be placed on a waiting list if there is a high demand.

Confirmation 2019 Application forms for our Confirmation course are now available for young adults in Year 9 or above. They should be collected by the prospective candidate in person at the end of their usual weekend Mass and returned by them, along with their baptism certificate, at any weekend Mass up until the end of October. Details of the course will be distributed along with the application form; however, please note we are still awaiting notice of the Confirmation date from the Bishop's Office.

School Forms/CCPs It is almost that time of year again. There will be interviews in the presbytery for the priest to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practise (CCP) as follows:

- Secondary School, 3rd October, 4pm-6.30pm
- Reception, 20th November, 4pm-6pm, & 27th November, 4.30pm-6.30pm
- Nursery, 23rd January, 4pm-6pm

Fr Nicholas can only sign the CCP if you (at least one parent/guardian and the child) have been regularly attending Mass on Sundays and Holydays for at minimum of 6 months. For Nursery and Reception Forms we ask you have a Mass Attendance Card as evidence of this.

Maria Casey RIP We were very sad to hear of Maria's death on 23rd August, aged 90. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated in our church at 2pm on Wednesday 12th September, followed by burial at Hillingdon and Uxbridge Cemetery at 3pm. There will be a reception at the Red Lion Hotel, Hillingdon Hill, afterwards, to which those who knew Maria are invited. May she rest in peace.

Mary Nicoll RIP died recently, aged 101. Her funeral will be held in our church on 26th September at 2pm. May she rest in peace.

Baptism Preparation Class takes place on Saturday 22nd September at 10.45am. If you wish to have your young child baptised over the next few months, please contact Fr Nicholas or Angela and attend this session.

Teas and Coffees are served after the 10.30am Mass in the hall. Why not come along and get to know other parishioners.

Contacting the Parish The best way to contact the parish office is by email and landline. Some of you will have the parish mobile number (07714807562), which can also be used if the above methods fail. Please note that it is not in use on Mondays or Thursdays and only within office hours (9am-4pm).

Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamps Please be aware that Mass intentions are booked until late October but there are plenty of spaces for Sanctuary Lamps, which can burn for a particular intention (suggested donation £10).

The King's Good Servant is a guided walk around the former Chelsea estate of St Thomas More, taking place on Monday 10th September, 6pm. Meet at the church of Our Most Holy Redeemer and St Thomas More, Cheyenne Row. SW3 5HS. Nearest Tube: Sloane Square or South Kensington.

CAFOD Appeal for the Harvest Fast Day (5th October) will take place on the weekend of 29th-30th September and thank Gerard for giving up his time to do this. We are asked to eat simply that day – perhaps by giving up a meal, or just having a bowl of soup – and make a donation to CAFOD.

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 September: 'that young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.'

Sunday Collections:

Sunday 28th August

Loose Plan: £592.30

Planned Giving: £318.51

Total: £910.81

Sunday 2nd September

Loose Plan: £695.81

Planned Giving: £369.20

Total: £1,065.01

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp: Ophilda D'Souza (RIP)

Lady Altar: Margaret O'Brien (int)

Points to Ponder from Bishop Robert Barron at the National Eucharistic Congress, Liverpool on 8th September:

'There is no more important encounter with the Lord than the Mass.'

'The Mass is a great call and response between Christ the Head and we the members of His Mystical Body.'

'We stubbornly attend Mass because we are part of that story that is related in the Biblical readings.'

'The collection is important in Mass because money stands for blood, sweat and tears, it costs us, it's a sacrifice that we give.'

'By the very act of gathering from all different races & nations for the one act of worship, this is the expression of the Church - a new Ecclesia.'

For Your Diary

Cemetery Tour Saturday
15th September, 2.30pm

Baptism Preparation for Parents Saturday 22nd September, 10.45am

Parish Sunday Lunch Sunday
7th October

Day Trip to Winchester Christmas Market Wednesday
28th November



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