



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 10th September 2017

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Parish Diary

Saturday 9th September

Sat Commemoration of Our Lady

10am Cheryl Finlay (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

2.30pm Baptism Preparation Class

6.30pm Michael O'Brien (RIP)

Sunday 10th September

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Pro Populo

10.30am Hermangild D'Souza (RIP)

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Yvonne De Silva (RIP)

Monday 11th September

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9.30am Michael Kane (25th Ann)

Tuesday 12th September

Most Holy Name of Mary

9.30am Raquel Attipoe (RIP)

Wednesday 13th September

St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor

9.30am Ophilda D'Souza (RIP)

Thursday 14th September

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

NO MASS

Friday 15th September

Our Lady of Sorrows

9.30am Michael O'Brien (RIP)

Saturday 16th September

SS Cornelius & Cyprian, Martyrs

9am Departure by Coach for Salisbury

Day Pilgrimage

NO 10am Mass/Confessions

NO 6.30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 17th September

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Pro Populo

10.30am Silveria Labado (4th Ann)

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Norah Toher (1st Ann)

Raquel Attipoe RIP We were very sorry to hear of Raquel's death on Monday (4th September), aged 45, after a long illness. She leaves behind her husband, Ray, and their children, Michael, Matthew and Fafali. Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated here at 9am on Saturday 23rd September, followed by burial at West Drayton. This will obviously take the place of the 10am parish Mass and Confessions.

Jonathan ('John') Healy RIP The Funeral Mass of this former parishioner, who died in Banbury on 3rd September, will take place in our church on 22nd September at 10.30am.

Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor RIP Our former Archbishop, Cardinal Cormac, died on 1st September, aged 85. His body will be received into Westminster Cathedral at 10am on Tuesday 12th September and will lie there throughout Tuesday; all are welcome to pay their respects and sign the book of condolence. At 5pm there will be Solemn Vespers of the Dead. The Funeral Mass will be at 12 noon on Wednesday 13th September, though entrance will be by ticket only due to the large numbers expected. At the end of Mass, Cardinal Cormac will be laid to rest in the nave of the Cathedral, by the Tenth Station of the Cross.

Angela, our Pastoral Assistant, has been called for jury service which we are expecting to last until mid-October. This will, of course, have implications for some of our activities and the day-to-day working of the parish office. If you need to contact us please use the general email (uxbridge@rcdow.org.uk) rather than Angela's email, which she will have only limited access to. Many thanks for your patience —and we wish Angela well!

First Holy Communion Applications Forms are now available from Fr Nicholas or Angela. The course is open to children who in Year Three or above who either live within the parish boundaries or who live in another parish but regularly attend Mass in Uxbridge and have the written permission of their (geographical) parish priest. Forms must be returned with a copy of the baptism certificate after Masses on **23rd/24th September**. The first of the three sessions for parents will be on Tuesday 26th September at 7pm.

Confirmation Course for young adults (Years 9 and above) runs every other year; the next applications will be invited in autumn 2018.

Alpha Course One of the main parish initiatives this autumn will be the Alpha Course, allowing us to 'go back to basics', ponder the meaning of life and re-evaluate our relationship with the Lord. It will be meeting 6.30pm-8.30pm on Monday evenings in the hall from 2nd October, beginning with a simple meal. There will also be a Parish Alpha Weekend at the Bridgettine Convent Iver Heath on 3rd-5th November.

RCIA (Roman Catholic Initiation of Adults) Application forms are now available for adults living in the parish who are considering baptism or (if they belong to another Christian denomination) reception into the Catholic Church. Please speak to Angela or Fr Nicholas if you are interested. The course will begin with the Alpha Course (see above) and then continuing in the new year with sessions looking at the sacraments and how to live as a Christian.

Parish Day Pilgrimage to Salisbury will take place on **Saturday 16th September**. It is now fully booked. The coach will be leaving the church at 9am prompt and we will be back around 8.30pm. Although there will be time to buy lunch in Salisbury, you may wish to bring a packed lunch. **Unfortunately there will be no Saturday morning or evening Mass in the parish that day.**

Secondary School Applications
On Tuesday 3rd October between 4pm and 7pm Fr Nicholas will be available to sign CCP/Priest's References for Secondary School applications. The sheets with slots are now at the back of the church—so please put down your child's name and details if you would like to have a form signed.

Bible Timeline our popular course exploring the Old Testament will begin again from Sunday 12th November at 6pm. More details to follow...

Charity Concert Our church will be hosting a Charity Concert '**We Remember Them**' on Friday 13th October at 7.30pm. We are delighted that our very own Josee Sulyma will be performing as soprano soloist and we will also be welcoming the Northwood HQ Volunteer Band. The repertoire will range from Mozart to songs from the world wars. All proceeds will go to the British Legion. Tickets are priced £10, including a drink, and will be available very soon.

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal are looking for tinned tomatoes and baked beans, instant coffee, toilet rolls, kitchen towels, dark trousers, dark socks, dark jeans and dark T-shirts for homeless men. Please hand in any donations to the sacristy.

Guitar Lessons will resume on Saturday 16th September 9.15am - 9.45am for beginners and 9.45am - 10.15am for players wishing to improve their skills. Adults and children welcome. Further information from Gerard 07752 721549.

Street Angels AGM: Monday 18th September at 7pm at St Margaret's Church, Windsor St. Come and find out more (and perhaps consider volunteering) about this valuable ministry. Refreshments served.

Stand Up For Justice Sunday 24th September is the Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking and the Salvation Army, Hayes is organising a prayer walk at 1.30pm, followed by a BBQ. Registration is £5—phone 02085737342.

Trinity School of Irish Dancing
We are delighted that this multi award winning school will be opening a beginners class for children aged 4+ on Saturday 16th September, 10.30am - 11.30am, in our church hall. Why not come along for fun, friends and fitness! First class is free! Email trinityscid@gmail.com for further details.

New Mass Attendance Cards are now available. Please consider using one of these if your child is eighteen months or above and you wish to apply to a Catholic school over the next year or so.

Day with Mary takes place in our church on Saturday 21st October, 9.30am-5pm.

Room to Let with independent facilities in a shared house in Uxbridge. Would suit female mature student or professional. If interested please contact Angela at the church for details.

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. Alternatively contact Fr Nicholas or Angela.

Pope's Prayer Intention for September is for parishes at the service of the mission, 'that they not be simple offices, but that animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.'

Summer Collections:
Sunday 3rd September
Loose Plate £689.79
Planned Giving £348.05
Total £1,037.84
Many thanks!

For Your Diary...

Parish Day Pilgrimage to Salisbury 16th September

Parish Alpha Course starts on 2nd October, 6.30pm

International Mass Sunday 15th October, 10.30am

Day with Mary Saturday 21st October, 9.30am-5pm



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