



# Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete) (C), 16th December 2018

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## Parish Diary

### 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)

6pm *Let It Be Done Unto Me #5*

### Monday 17th December

Advent FERIA

9.30am Paddy O'Sullivan (RIP)

5.45pm-6.15pm Confessions

### Tuesday 18th December

Advent FERIA

9.30am St Anthony (tx)

### Wednesday 19th December

Advent FERIA

7am Terry Thompson (RIP)

*(candlelit Rorate Mass)*

*church opens 6.45am*

### Thursday 20th December

Advent FERIA

NO MASS

### Friday 21st December

Advent FERIA

9.30am Policarpo Goes (RIP)

*End of Term Mass with St Mary's*

10.30am-11am Confessions

10.30am *Cleaning of church*

### Saturday 22nd December

Advent FERIA

10am Fintan McCloskey (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

11am *Rehearsal for Living Nativity (hal)*

6.30pm Fr George Dangerfield (RIP)

### Sunday 23rd December

#### 4th Sunday of Advent

8.30am Pro Populo

10.30am Godofredo Araqnda (RIP)

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Noelle Nunes (b'day int)

**Hillingdon Food Bank** Due to unprecedented demand, the Food bank desperately needs more donations of food and drink, as well as unwanted 10p bags for life. Please bring to our box in the next few days!

**'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, concludes this Sunday at 6pm (after the 5pm Mass). This week's session is called **'Help of Christians'**. Why not come to know and understand Our Lady better this Advent?

#### Towards Christmas

- Our **candlelit Rorate Mass** will be at **7am on Wednesday 19th** December, followed by teas, coffees and bacon rolls in the hall. The church will open at 6.45am.
- Volunteers are needed 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!
- Please take a Christmas Schedule home with you. **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.**

**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.

**Westminster Year Book 2019** is now available from the repository, priced £4 each. This useful yearly publication has full details of parishes, schools and agencies within the diocese, as well as an in-depth liturgical calendar.

**Our Parish** has recently been able to make several donations, from our Poor Box and Community Fund (which is where, for example, money from teas and coffees after the 10.30am Mass goes into): £500 each to the Catholic Children's Society, Mary's Meals, Trinity Homeless and St Mary's School (for their new library bus).

**Carols on the Green** takes at the Brewery Tap Cottage, The Green, West Drayton on Wednesday (19th December), 7.30pm-8.30pm, attended by the Mayor and the Yiewsley and West Drayton Band. All are welcome!

**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.

**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.

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

**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 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 9th December**  
Loose Plan: £704.30  
Planned Giving: £348.22  
**Total: £1,052.52** *Many thanks!*

**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions**  
Sanctuary: Jose & Grace Bermas (24th wedding ann)  
Lady Altar: Holy Souls

**Point to Ponder:** 'Today's liturgy tells us, in the words of John, that it is necessary to repent, to change direction and take the path of justice, solidarity, sobriety: these are the essential values of a fully human and genuinely Christian life. *Repent!* It sums up the message of the Baptist. And the Liturgy of this Third Sunday of Advent helps us to rediscover a special dimension of repentance: *joy*. Whoever repents and approaches the Lord, feels joy. The prophet Zephaniah says to us today: "Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion!", addressing Jerusalem (Zeph 3:14); and the apostle Paul exhorts the Christians of Philippi: "Rejoice in the Lord always" (Phil 4:4). Today, it takes courage to speak of joy, which, above all, requires faith! The world is beset by many problems, the future is burdened by uncertainties and fears. Yet, Christians are a joyful people, and their joy is not something superficial and ephemeral, but deep and stable, because it is a gift from the Lord that fills life. Our joy comes from the certainty that "the Lord is at hand" (Phil 4:5): he is close with his tenderness, his mercy, his forgiveness and his love.' (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



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