



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

1st Sunday of Lent, 18th February 2018

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Parish Diary

Saturday 17th February

Lent Feria

10am Baby Brendan Quirke (7th Ann)

10.30am-11am Confessions

1.30pm Baptism (*Giovanni Ojinnaka*)

6.30pm Policarpo Goes (RIP)

7.15pm Alpha Prayer Group

Sunday 18th February

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8.30am Tony Morrin (RIP)

10.30am Pro Populo

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/benediction

5pm Sheila & Malcolm Morris (RIP)

Monday 19th February

Lent Feria

9.30am Edgar Martins (RIP)

6pm First Communion Catch-up (church)

Tuesday 20th February

Lent Feria

9.30am Hilary Martins (RIP)

Wednesday 21st February

Lent Feria

9.30am Policarpo Goes (RIP)

Thursday 22nd February

Chair of St Peter

NO MASS

Friday 23rd February

Lent Feria (CAFOD Family Fast Day)

9.30am Anne O'Hara (RIP)

10am Stations of the Cross

Saturday 24th February

Lent Feria

10am Policarpo Goes (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

2pm-5pm Marriage Preparation Course

6.30pm Pro Populo

Sunday 25th February

2nd Sunday of Lent

8.30am Sean Hickey (1st Ann)

9.15am First Communion class #8

10.30am Peter Logan (RIP)

12 noon Parish Sunday Lunch

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Brian Francic (RIP)

Ideas for Lent

- Pray for at least ten minutes each day
- Say the Rosary
- Slowly read a book of the Bible or another spiritual book
- Go to Confession
- Give up (or reduce) Facebook, chocolate, alcohol or something else that you habitually enjoy!
- Come to **Stations of the Cross** each Friday at 10am, starting 23rd February (or 6.30pm on 9th March, for those who work)
- Attend the **Lenten Talk** on 11th March at 6.15pm (see separate notice)
- Join the **Bible Timeline** course, beginning 26th February at 7pm (see separate notice)
- Give money to the **CAFOD** collection next week (this Friday is the Family Fast Day and there will be a talk about this at the end of this Sunday's Masses), the Cardinal's Lenten Alms (detailed in today's Pastoral Letter) and/or another **charity**
- Contribute to the **Hillingdon Food bank** (see separate note)

Jim Keogh RIP We were very sorry to hear of Jim's death on 9 February, aged 88. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated here on Tuesday 6th March at 11am, followed by burial at Woodcock Hill Cemetery. We assure Lorraine of our love and prayers and pray that Jim is now reunited with Josie, who died two years ago. May he rest in peace.

Patrick Wickens RIP The funeral of the late Patrick Wickens, formerly of Willow Crescent, New Denham, will take place at 10.30pm on Wednesday 7th March, with burial at West Drayton Cemetery afterwards. His body will be received into the church the previous afternoon at 4pm. He died on 3rd February, aged 43. May he rest in peace.

Parish Lenten Talk We are delighted that Rabbi Dr Andrew Goldstein has kindly agreed to give a talk at 6.15pm on Sunday 11th March on 'If I forget thee O Jerusalem....a Jewish view of the Holy City'. Jerusalem plays a central role in both our Faiths (as well as Islam) and the talk will tie in nicely to the Bible Timeline course, beginning on 26th February. Rabbi Goldstein is originally from Warwick and was Senior Rabbi for many years at the Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue and has published widely. Please do make a note of the date in your diary!

Bible Timeline will be meeting at 7pm on five Mondays in Lent from 26th February to 26th March. All are welcome, even if you have not attended previous sessions. This course, based on DVD presentations, discussion and our own prayerful reading of Scripture, will help us discover the Old Testament and the way it is linked to the New Testament.

Lourdes and Paris St Peter's Pilgrimages is arranging five-day pilgrimages to Lourdes and Paris by coach, with Mass at the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal, Rue du Bac, setting off on 29th March, 25th May, 27th July, 13th August and 26th October, prices from £350. Please see the publicity at the back of the church.

Women's World Day of Prayer

On Friday 2nd March at 2pm we will be hosting the Women's World Day of Prayer in our church. This takes place each year, at a rotating location, and the theme for 2018 is 'All God's Creation is Very Good!' The focus this year is on the women of Suriname in South America, who have prepared the service. All are welcome to attend – men and women – and donations of cakes and biscuits will be needed.

Parish Pilgrimage to Greece

(Thessaloniki to Athens) 'in the footsteps of St Paul' is being organised with St Peter's Pilgrimages, 22nd-27th October, at a cost of £790, including flights, half-board accommodation (single room supplement £30 per night). Please see Angela for further information.

Alpha Prayer Group Following the successful Alpha Course, some of the participants are continuing the good work with a monthly prayer group which will be held in the church/hall on the third Saturday of each month at around 7.15pm. All are welcome, even if you did not attend Alpha!

Sanctuary Lamps Don't forget that the lamps in front of the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Lourdes can be burnt for your intention. Suggested donation: £10 for a seven day candle.

Hillingdon Food Bank helps those in our area who do not have the means to cook proper meals for themselves or their families. The Foodbank is currently experiencing very heavy demand for its service and has now little or no stock of certain items (tinned meat and fish, long-life milk and juice, instant mash, rice, pasta sauce, jam, granulated sugar) as well as 10p supermarket carrier bags. These can be placed in the box in the church porch. It is also looking for a volunteer 'man with a van' for 2/3 hours a week (contact Vine Daniels, 07718054246).

Calling all Brunel students! Please contact Brunel Catholic Society via our chaplain Sr Mary mary.kenefick@brunel.ac.uk or on our Facebook group - Brunel Catholic Society.

Parking Please remember not to block either of the white gates leading into the BT exchange opposite the church since 24 hour access is needed. Also, when parking in front of the presbytery during Mass please use the space as efficiently as possible and allow room for other cars! Thanks.

Sheltered Housing: St Scholastica's Retreat – VACANT Flats Available The Retreat offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £459pcm – more information from The Warden: Deacon Seán Duffy, 27 The Retreat, Princes Risborough, Bucks HP27 0JG (01844) 344437. Email: info@stscholasticas.co.uk; www.stscholasticas.co.uk

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Keeping our Church Clean

Please keep our church clean especially by taking litter home with you and making sure that no food is consumed in church. It is our shared sacred space and a home from home so let us treat it with respect. As they say, cleanliness is next to godliness!

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 February is 'that all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities'.

Sunday Collection: Sunday 11th February

Loose Plan: £752.73
Planned Giving: £265.43
Total: £1,018.43

A total of £321.87 was raised for the Catholic Children's Society from the Crib Offering. Many thanks!

This Week's Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Bl. Sacrament: Clare Schofield (RIP)
Our Lady: Sick of the Parish

For Your Diary

Alpha Prayer Group, 17th February, 7.15pm

Women's World Day of Prayer 2nd March, 2pm

Lenten Talk, 11th March, 6.15pm



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