



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

5th Sunday of Lent (B), 18th March 2018

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Parish Diary

Saturday 17th March

St Patrick, Patron of Ireland

10am Rosa Martins (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

11.30am Baptism (Aoife Ryan)

1.30pm Baptism (Adjol & Alana Subashi)

6.30pm Jack Foley (RIP)

7.15pm Alpha Prayer Group

Sunday 18th March

5th Sunday of Lent

8.30am Thomas Tharayil (14th Ann)

9.15am First Communion Class #10

10.30am Pro Populo

12 noon Parish Sunday Lunch

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Isabel Ernest (11th Ann)

Monday 19th March

St Joseph, Spouse of BVM

9.30am Eileen McHugh (int)

6pm First Communion Catch-up (church)

7pm Bible Timeline (hall)

Tuesday 20th March

Lent Feria

9.30am Narcisa Amistad

Wednesday 21st March

Lent Feria

8.30am Policarpo Goes (RIP)

Thursday 22nd March

Lent Feria

NO MASS

Friday 23rd March

Lent Feria

6.30pm Stations of the Cross

7pm Sr Rosaleen (int)

Saturday 24th March

Lent Feria

10am Good Counsel Network (int)

10.30am-11am Confessions

10.30am Brass Cleaning

6.30pm Keany & Keany families (int)

Sunday 25th March

Palm Sunday

8.30am John Cleary (RIP)

10.30am Pro Populo

NO HOLY HOUR

5pm Gary Roberts (RIP)

Ideas for Lent

- Pray for at least ten minutes each day or 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 (though on 23rd March, due to a funeral, these will once again be in the evening at 6.30pm)
- Attend the **Lenten Talk** on 11th March at 6.15pm
- Join the **Bible Timeline** course on Mondays at 7pm
- Give money to the Cardinal's Lenten Alms (see the leaflets) and/or another **charity**
- Contribute to the **Hillingdon Food Bank**

Holy Week Schedules are now available from the back of the church – please do help yourself and give copies to friends or neighbours who may like one.

Alpha Prayer Group meets this Saturday in the hall after the 6.30pm Mass; all are welcome!

Parish Sunday Lunch takes place today (Sunday) from 12 noon. Please bring some food and drink to share. All welcome.

Changes to this Week's Schedule Due to a meeting in London, Fr Nicholas will be celebrating Mass on Wednesday at the earlier time of 8.30am. A funeral at the crematorium on Friday means that Stations will now be at 6.30pm, followed by Mass at 7pm. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Bible Timeline will be meeting at **7pm** on Mondays in Lent. 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. The focus of the next session is the 'Return from Exile' and the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah. If possible please bring your Bible with you, though copies will be available. All are welcome, even if you missed previous session.

Brass Cleaning Volunteers are needed to help clean some of the brass items in the church and sacristy after 10am Mass on Saturday 24th March. Simply turn up on the day if you can spare half an hour/an hour and help us get ready for Holy Week.

Uxbridge Good Friday Walk of Witness is starting at our church at 11am and we are one of the co-organisers this year. If you would be willing to be a reader during this procession or act as a marshal or cross-carrier, please see Angela or Gerard.

Calling all Brunel students! Brunel Catholic Society is meeting this Wednesday at 5.30pm at the Meeting House. We will be having reconciliation and adoration to end our term and get ready for Holy Week so please come along! Please contact us via our chaplain Sr. Mary: mary.kenefick@brunel.ac.uk or on our Facebook group - Brunel Catholic Society.

Funerals before Easter We were sorry to hear of the death of Alexander Jackson, late of Evelyns Close, who died on 5th March, aged 82. His funeral is at Break-spear Crematorium this coming Friday at 10am. We also sadly heard of the death of Bridget O'Shea on 9th March, aged 96, and her funeral will be held in the church on 28th March (Holy Wednesday) at 11am. May they rest in peace!

Parish Finance Update I thought you might like to know a little about our Parish finances; or where your contributions go. In round numbers:

- * £43,000 is spent on running costs for the church, the parish, the hall and the presbytery.
 - * £37,000 goes on salaries for priest, pastoral assistant, cleaner and bookkeeper
 - * £26,000 is charged to the parish by the Diocese of Westminster
 - * £10,000 is the cost of candles, catechetical and other liturgical items
 - * £10,000—various other costs
 - * £5,000 given to charities from second collections
- £131,000** in total was paid out in 2017

How do we cover this annual outlay?

- * £36,000 comes from some of you making regular payments
- * £10,000 is refunded from the Inland Revenue (Gift aided payments above)
- * £35,000 comes from you giving loose collection monies
- * £14,000 from your Christmas and Easter Offerings

* £26,000 from candles, repository sales and hire of hall, etc.

* £5,000 from collections for specific charities

£126,000 in total collected in the Parish

Yes, there was a shortfall in 2017, but we did bring the presbytery kitchen into the 21st Century so that two people can be in there at the same time! We also drew on £21,000 of the Growing-in-Faith monies due to us ready to upgrade the church / hall toilets later this year. Thank you for all your contributions. Of course the parish can always do with more. Have you thought about gift-aiding by using the envelope system? **It would not mean you HAD** to give the same amount each week; just that if you pay Income Tax, we can ask the tax man to give us some of that tax back to the Parish! If you are already on the system, please make sure, once again, that you have collected your new box of envelopes from the back of the church. Thanks again *Fr Nicholas & Finance Team*

Marriage Preparation Day at Immaculate Heart, Hayes takes place on 24th March, 9am-4pm. Please contact hayes@rcdow.org.uk if you are interested in participating.

Mary's Meals Advance warning that there will be an opportunity to bring in unwanted clothing and bedding (no pillows or duvets please) on the weekend of 16th-17th June. This might be a focus for our spring cleaning!

Spanish Tutor for All Ages
Please contact Rocio Yates on 07958025030.

Churches Together in Uxbridge (CTU) is looking for a new volunteer to take on the role of Treasurer starting at the AGM in June 2018. Last year the total expenditure was just under £1600 so this is not a very onerous task. Meetings are held in one of the Uxbridge churches five times a year. For further details, please contact Jenny Reid (Secretary) on jennyreid36@btinternet.com

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 March is 'that the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels'.

Sunday Collection:
Sunday 11th March
Loose Plan: £928.63
Planned Giving: £335.85
Total: £1,264.48

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions
Bl. Sacrament: Private Intentions
Our Lady: Olive Copeland (int)

For Your Diary

Stations of the Cross Every Friday, 10am (or 6.30pm on 23rd March)

Baptism Preparation Course 21st April, 10.45am

Charity Wine Tasting Evening 28th April, 7.30pm

Mary's Meals Collection of Unwanted Bedding/ Clothing 16th-17th June



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