



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

3rd Sunday of Lent, 19th March 2017

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Parish Diary

Saturday 18th March

Lent Feria

10am Josie Brennan (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

2pm Wedding Preparation Course II

6.30pm John Judge (int)

Sunday 19th March

3rd Sunday of Lent

8.30am Pro Populo

9.15am First Communion Class (hall)

10.30am Narcissa Amistad (1st Ann)

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour

5pm Edward & Elizabeth Kane (RIP)

6pm Bible Timeline (hall)

Monday 20th March

St Joseph

7pm James Ganly (RIP)

Tuesday 21st March

Lent Feria

9.30am Policarpo Goes (RIP)

4pm-6pm Nursery Form Signing

7pm Confirmation Class

Wednesday 22nd March Lent Feria

9.30am Anne O'Dea (int)

Thursday 23rd March Lent Feria

NO MASS

Friday 24th March

Lent Feria

9.30am Malcolm Morris (RIP)

10am Stations of the Cross

7pm Stations of the Cross

8pm St Mary's PTA Bingo Night

Saturday 25th March

Annunciation of the Lord

10am Audrey Skinner (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

2.30pm Baptism Preparation Class

6.30pm Norrie & Michael Golden (RIP)

Sunday 26th March

4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare)

8.30am Con O'Brien (2nd Ann)

10.30am Anna Krawec (1st Ann)

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour

5pm John & Margaret McShane (RIP)

6pm Bible Timeline

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for *Caritas*.

Please note that Mass on Monday will be at 7pm not 9.30am due to a meeting in London.

Nursery Forms If your child is *3 years old by spring 2018* and you want them to be considered for nursery admission at St Mary's, you need to apply by midday on **31st March**. For all the information and forms, please visit www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk; admissions is under 'Key Information'. We will be conducting interviews for the priest to sign the necessary paperwork 4-6pm on 21st and 28th March; appointments can be made on the sheets at the back of the church. In order for the CCP to be signed, **you need to show that you are practicing Catholics and have been regularly attending Sunday Mass here for at least six months (i.e. 3-4 times a month)**. Please make sure you get your Mass Attendance Card signed each week.

Preparation for Infant Baptisms next takes place next Saturday 25th March at 2.30pm. Please see Fr Nicholas or Angela for more info.

Confirmation Course continues on Tuesday at 7pm. This week we have a visiting speaker and the class will be slightly longer in duration, finishing around 8.30pm.

Lenten Course—Bible Timeline This popular course is running on the Sundays of Lent from 6pm to 7.30pm in the Church Hall. We will be covering more of the Old Testament, this week Judges and Ruth. Do come along even if you missed last season. Each session stands alone.

Lent 2017 This penitential season is a wonderful opportunity for new beginnings and spiritual renewal. Please remember that there are Stations of the Cross **each Friday at 10am** (and **also 7pm on Friday 24th March**). This third week of Lent, why not:

- spend at least 5 minutes each day in silent prayer (without words)
- donate tinned food to the Hillingdon Food Bank
- compost food waste (to find out more see www.cafod.org.uk/livesimply)

Confessions in Lent As well as extra times for confession here in the church during Holy Week (please watch this space), St Thomas More, Eastcote is having a 'Day of Reconciliation' on Saturday 25th March, with a visiting priest being available for confession 10am-12.45pm and 2.15pm-3.30pm. Reconciliation Services with individual confessions will take place at Immaculate Heart, Hayes on Holy Monday (10th April) at 7.30pm and Most Sacred Heart, Ruislip on Holy Tuesday (11th April) at 7.30pm. All are welcome!

Good Friday 2017 We are delighted that the 3pm Service of Commemoration of the Lord's Passion this year will be led by Bishop John Wilson, our Auxiliary Bishop. He has also kindly agreed to help with Confessions afterwards.

Brass Cleaning Team will be meeting on Saturday 1st April after the 10am Mass to get things ready for Holy Week and Easter—all are welcome to help!

St Mary's School PTA Bingo Night takes place in our church hall this Friday (24th March) at 8pm. Tickets are available at £5 from Aileen (07940987660); adults only please. Please bring your own refreshments. Dabbers and additional books will be available to buy on the night.

Planned Giving Envelopes The boxes with envelopes for the next year are now available at the back of the church. New members of the Planned Giving Scheme are always welcome and all who pay income tax are encouraged to Gift Aid their offerings. This enables us to increase your offerings by 25%; in previous years we have generated up to an additional £10,000 for parish funds. Simply complete and return the form available in the porch. We would also encourage you to make your regular offerings by Standing Order. This reduces administration and means we hold less cash on the premises. If you currently Gift Aid your offerings but no longer pay income tax, please let us know so that we can change records accordingly. Thank you for your vital support for our parish!

Pilgrimage 2017 We are hoping to go to Malta between 23rd and 27th October, costing £590 (including half-board and flights with Air Malta to and from Heathrow). Forms are available from Angela. Please return them to her as soon as you can and she will check them and forward them to St Peter's Pilgrimages.

Help Needed My name is Tracey Allan and I am a parishioner here at Our Lady & St Michael's who is currently completing an MA in Theology. For my dissertation, I need your help! I want to explore why people choose to continue to practice their faith as adults. I have put together a number of questions which I need people to complete, if they have been practising Catholics all/most of their life. All the answers are confidential and will only be used for the purposes of this research. It should take between 15-20 minutes to complete. The questionnaire closes on Monday 17th April. Please visit: <https://stmarys.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/understanding-catholic-practice>. Your contribution is essential in helping me to write something interesting! If you have any questions or problems with the link please don't hesitate to contact me: allantcf@aol.com

Pilgrimage to Lourdes Every year, the Diocese of Westminster takes a large number of sick pilgrims to Lourdes and we rely on the help of volunteers to care for them. If you are between 16 and 18, you can serve as a Red Cap, helping people in wheelchairs and taking part in the processions and many other tasks. Please contact Katrina at katrina.lavery@clovershipping.com if you would like to learn more. If you are interested in helping in the St Frai, please email chief helper Nick Leonard and team at westminsterstfrai@gmail.com This year's pilgrimage takes place 23rd to 29th July.

David Matthews RIP We were sorry to hear of the death of a former parishioner, David Matthews (brother of Connie Dodd), who died on 18th March after a long illness. May he rest in peace.

We are on Instagram! Check us out on @uxbridgecatholic. We can also be followed on Facebook (@UxbridgeCatholicParish) 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.

**Sunday Collections:
12th March**

Loose Plate £647.42
Planned Giving £452.58
Total £1,100.00

A further £448.42 was collected for CAFOD. Many thanks!

Pope's Prayer Intention for March: 'that persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.'

Point to Ponder: 'Simon of Cyrene, walking beside Jesus and sharing the burden of the Cross, came to see that it was a grace to be able to accompany him to his crucifixion and to help him. The mystery of Jesus, silent and suffering, touched his heart... Whenever we show kindness to the suffering, the persecuted and defenceless, and share in their sufferings, we help to carry that same Cross of Jesus. In this way we obtain salvation, and help contribute to the salvation of the world.' (Benedict XVI)

For Your Diary...

**Sundays of Lent Bible
Timeline, 6pm**

**21st & 28th March Signing
of Nursery Forms**

**24th March Evening Stations
of the Cross, 7pm**

**24th March PTA Bingo
Night, 8pm**

**25th March Baptism Preparation
Class, 2.30pm**



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