



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A), 22nd January 2017

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Parish Diary

Saturday 21st January

St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
10am Dilraj Gill (int)

10.30am-11am Confessions

11am Baptism Preparation for Older
Children 1

1.30pm Baptism (Julia Mazanowska)

6.30pm Winnie Maxwell (RIP)

Sunday 22nd January

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Adrian Martins (int)

9.15am First Communion Class (hall)

10.30am George Wright (RIP)

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour

5pm Pro Populo

Monday 23rd January

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9.30am Joe Hayden (RIP)

Tuesday 24th January

St Francis de Sales, Bishop

9.30am Mary Pollok (RIP)

7pm RCIA (house)

Wednesday 25th January

Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

9.30am Holy Souls

Thursday 26th January

SS Timothy & Titus, Bishops

Friday 27th January

St Angela Merici

9.30am Margaret Monger (RIP)

Saturday 28th January

St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor

10am O'Reilly Family (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

2pm Baptism Preparation Class (hall)

6.30pm Ian & Carly Jackson (int)

Sunday 29th January

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Thomas Tharayil (13th Ann)

10.30am Brenda Cronin (3rd Ann)

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour

5pm Brian Wilson (RIP)

Mass of Healing On Saturday 11th February (Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes) at 12 noon we are organizing a Mass of Healing for all those who are suffering in mind and body (and those who look after them). At the Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated. All are welcome to attend. If you need transport to get to church, please contact Tracey Allan (Coordinator of our Sick Visit Team) on 07867302372.

New Windows You may notice the new, double-glazed windows in the Children's Room at the back of the church, as well as in the confessional. These will help keep in the warmth and keep out noise from the street. Eventually we hope to upgrade all our windows and we thank the Filipino community for raising the money last year to pay for one of the new windows.

Nursery Forms The deadline at St Mary's is at Easter and we will be conducting interviews for the priest to sign the necessary paperwork a few weeks before. Please watch this space! In order for the Certificate of Catholic Practice (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. Please make sure you get your Mass Attendance Card signed each week.

Sunday Family Lunch next takes place in the hall on Sunday 12th February, from about 12.30pm. All are welcome; please bring food and drink to share!

Baptism Preparation for Infants takes place at 2pm next Saturday (28th January). Please see Fr Nicholas or Angela if you would like your baby baptized.

Baptism Preparation for Children of a Catechetical Age The second session of this two-part course takes place on 4th February at 11am.

Marriage Preparation Course, for those getting married over the next year, will be held in this parish on Saturdays 4th March and 18th March, 2pm-5.30pm. Both sessions need to be attended. Please see Fr Nicholas or Angela.

Visit of the Archbishop of Lahore We were delighted that Archbishop Sebastian Shaw of Lahore (Pakistan) celebrated Mass for us on Friday morning. We heard about the many challenges facing Pakistani Christians, especially as a result of the Blasphemy Law, and assured him of our prayers for his community. We hope he will visit us again. This Sunday he will be speaking at the 9am service at St Margaret's C of E Church.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his ordination as a bishop on Tuesday; let us keep him in our prayers.

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 at the back. Please return them to Angela as soon as you can and she will check them and send them to St Peter's Pilgrimages.

Flame 2017 is the largest Catholic youth event of the year, taking place at Wembley Arena on Saturday 11th March. 10,000 young Catholics are expected to attend and there will be music from Matt Redman and talks by Cardinal Nichols, Cardinal Bo from Burma, former MP Sarah Teather and many more! We will be taking a group of Confirmation candidates but have some spare tickets at £15 each; please let Angela if you are a young adult (14 and above) and would like to come!

Altar Linen A new rota can now be collected. Please notify us if you cannot make the week allotted to you or if you can no longer help out. Thank you!

A Priest from our Parish! We recently heard that Benjamin Errington, formerly of Belmont Road and baptized in our church in 1980, was ordained a priest on 10th December 2016 by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Secretary of State of His Holiness, at the Basilica of St John Lateran in Rome. Fr Benjamin is a religious of the Congregation of the Legionaries of Christ. Let us pray for him as he begins his ministry. As far as we know, he is the second person baptized in our church who has

gone on to be ordained to the Priesthood, the other one being Dom Peter Hubert Gilbey OSB, a monk of Ampleforth and (from 1958) Ninth Baron Vaux.

Parking Around the Church For weekday and Saturday morning Masses please remember to **avoid parking on double yellow lines**, which remain in operation. Several tickets have unfortunately been received in recent weeks. For Sunday Masses (including the Saturday Vigil) there is more flexibility with parking around the church but please do not block the entrances to BT or park on pavements at any time. There are parking spaces on the single yellow lines beside the church (except between 2pm and 4pm, Mon-Sat) and in front of the presbytery, if you are here for church services.

Do You Feel Called to Serve God? On Saturday 28th January at the Servite Church (opposite the Chelsea Westminster Hospital) Canon Stuart Wilson and the Vocations Team will be talking about that call to service. If you have every felt attracted to serving God either as a religious brother or sister or as a deacon or priest then why not come along. The Mass is at 6.30pm and will be followed by a short meeting. You would be welcome. Further details contact: 0207 349 5620 or vocationspromoter@rcdow.org.uk

Mass for Bereaved Parents A Mass will be celebrated for all bereaved parents at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 11th March at 2.30pm. This is the first time the diocesan-wide event has been

held. As parents arrive in the Cathedral that day they will be invited to write the name of their deceased child, which will later be collected and taken to the sanctuary. All are welcome.

Streetlink If you are concerned about a person sleeping rough, please contact Streetlink on 0300 500 0914/www.streetlink.org.uk. This charity can put the person in touch with local services.

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.

Sunday Collections:

8th January

Loose Plate £641.64
Planned Giving £664.25
Total £1,305.89

16th January

Loose Plate £675.50
Planned Giving £370.78
Total £1,046.28

Many thanks!

Point to Ponder: 'There is an urgent need for the emergence of a new generation of apostles anchored firmly in the word of Christ, capable of responding to the challenges of our times and prepared to spread the Gospel far and wide.' (Benedict XVI)

For Your Diary...

28th January Preparation for Infant Baptism, 2pm

4th & 18th March Wedding Preparation, 2pm

11th February Mass for the Sick, 12 noon

11th March Flame 2017 (Wembley Arena)



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