



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

4th Sunday of Advent (C), 23rd December 2018

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Parish Diary for Christmas

Saturday 22nd December

Advent Feria

10am Fintan McCloskey (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

11am Rehearsal for Living Nativity (hall)

6.30pm Fr George Dangerfield (RIP)

Sunday 23rd December

4th Sunday of Advent

8.30am Pro Populo

10.30am Godofredo Aranda (RIP)

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Noelle Nunes (b'day int)

Monday 24th December

Advent Feria (Christmas Eve)

NO MORNING MASS

6pm Christmas Vigil Mass with 'Living Nativity' (Pauline Heslin RIP)

10.30pm Carols and Readings, leading into...

11pm Mass of Christmas Night (Pro Populo)

Tuesday 25th December

Christmas Day

8.30am Mass with Carols

(Eric Christie RIP)

10.30am Sung Mass for Christmas

(Jim & Josie Keogh RIP)

Wednesday 26th December

St Stephen

10am Siony Mendoza (tx)

Thursday 27th December

St John the Evangelist

10am James Alexander Doyle (1st Ann)

Friday 28th December

Holy Innocents

10am Bridie O'Sullivan (RIP)

Saturday 29th December

St Thomas of Canterbury

10am Nancy D'Souza (Ann)

NO CONFESSIONS

6.30pm Michael & Norrie Golden (RIP)

Sunday 30th December

Holy Family

8.30am Pro Populo

10.30am C. M. Kunjuvareed (8th Ann)

NO HOLY HOUR/EVENING MASS

Monday 31st December

Christmas Octave

10am Michael O'Brien (RIP)

11.30pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 1st January

Mary Mother of God

Midnight Mass (Holy Souls)

with Exposition from 11.30pm

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 2nd January

SS Basil & Gregory Nazienzen

10am Terry Thompson (RIP)

Thursday 3rd January

Most Holy Name of Jesus

NO MASS

Friday 4th January

Christmas Feria

10am Joan McKay (RIP)

7pm Tess Montgomery (RIP)

Sung Traditional Latin Mass

Saturday 5th January

Christmas Feria

10am Fr Patrick Cooke (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

6.30pm Luke Campbell (int)

Sunday 6th January

Epiphany of the Lord

8.30am Pauline Heslin (RIP)

10.30am Pro Populo

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Michael & Norrie Golden (RIP)



Fr Nicholas, Angela, Sabina the cat and the whole Parish Team wish you a very Happy and Holy Christmas!

Happy Christmas! Please remember the Christmas Mass times over-leaf and on the separate leaflet—especially the fact there are no evening Masses or Holy Hour on Christmas Day and the Sunday after Christmas (Holy Family) and the later time of weekday Masses at 10am (with the church opening at 9.30am).

Thank you for all your cards and presents, each one much appreciated, and thank you to everyone for their hard work and support over the last year—to the Parish Team, Finance Committee, Evangelisation Team, flower arrangers, children's liturgy co-ordinators, catechists, sacristans, altar servers, readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, home visit team, counters, choir, prayer and faith sharing groups, youth group, Food Bank, CAFOD, Fair Trade and Missio co-ordinators, CTU rep, webmasters, brass, altar linen and church cleaners, and to anyone else we have not mentioned! The parish is more than just a building—it is a community and a school of discipleship. Without you, our mission could never be realised!

Parking Please park around the church sensibly, maximising the space for other cars and making sure you are not blocking the gates to BT which, even over Christmas, need 24 hour access. Vehicles should also not be parked too close to the roundabout, i.e. by the pavement area with railings.

Thank you to all those who responded to our **Hillingdon Food Bank appeal**. They were experiencing unprecedented demand and,

thanks to you, we were able to provide them with several car loads of tinned food!

Crib Appeal goes to the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster).

Our Parish has also 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).

Westminster Year Book 2019 is now available from the repository, priced £4 each.

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').

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.

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](https://www.instagram.com/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 Collection:
Sunday 16th December

Loose Plate £721.95
Planned Giving £370.30
Total: £1,092.25
Many thanks!

Point to Ponder: 'The Gospel speaks of the emperor, the governor, the high and mighty of those times, yet God does not make himself present there. He appears not in the splendour of a royal palace, but in the poverty of a stable; not in pomp and show, but in simplicity of life; not in power, but in astonishing smallness. In order to meet him, we need to go where he is. We need to bow down, to humble ourselves, to make ourselves small. The newborn Child challenges us. He calls us to leave behind fleeting illusions and to turn to what is essential, to renounce our insatiable cravings, to abandon our endless yearning for things we will never have. We do well to leave such things behind, in order to discover, in the simplicity of the divine Child, peace, joy and the luminous meaning of life.' (Pope Francis)

Dates for your Diary

Mass to Welcome the New Year Midnight on 1st January (with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11.30pm)

Infant Baptism Preparation Class Saturday 26th January, 4pm

Marriage Preparation Course 2nd and 16th February, 2pm-5.30pm

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