



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

Christmas Newsletter, 24th December 2017

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Parish Diary for the Next Few Weeks

Saturday 23rd December Advent Feria

10am Geraldine Flynn (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

NO EVENING MASS

Sunday 24th December

4th Sunday of Advent (Christmas Eve)

8.30am Geraldine Flynn (RIP)

10.30am Pro Populo

6pm Vigil Mass for Christmas with
Living Nativity (Holy Souls)

10.30pm Carols, leading into

11pm Mass of Christmas Night

(Nancy D'Souza, RIP)

Monday 25th December

Christmas Day

Church opens at 8am

8.30am Siony Mendoza (int)

10.30am Pro Populo

NO EVENING MASS

Tuesday 26th December

St Stephen, Martyr

10am Richard & Reno Pauig Salazar (RIP)

Wednesday 27th December

St John the Evangelist

10am Geraldine Flynn (RIP)

Thursday 28th December

Holy Innocents

NO MASS

Friday 29th December

St Thomas of Canterbury

10am Josie Keogh (RIP)

Saturday 30th December

Christmas Octave

NO MORNING MASS/CONFESSIONS

6.30pm Pro Populo

Sunday 31st December

Holy Family

8.30am Christy Kelly (RIP)

10.30am Eric Christie (RIP)

NO HOLY HOUR

5pm Jean & Jeanne Freynet (RIP)

11.30pm Adoration of Bl Sacrament
followed by **Mass at Midnight**

Monday 1st January

Mary, Mother of God

12 midnight Pro Populo

NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday 2nd January

SS Basil & Gregory Nazienzen

10am Margaret O'Brien (int)

11.30am Marian O'Riordan (Funeral)

Wednesday 3rd January

Holy Name of Jesus

10am Neillus O'Shea (RIP)

10.45am Albert Thomas (Funeral)

Thursday 4th January

Christmas Feria

NO MASS

Friday 5th January

Christmas Feria

10am Lola Soler (RIP)

7pm Holy Souls

Traditional Sung Latin Mass

Saturday 6th January Christmas Feria

10am Geraldine Flynn (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

11.30am Baptism (Lily Epangue)

1.30pm Baptism (Sofia Fox)

5pm Baptism (Maximilian Robert Wiszczor)

6.30pm Aleron Goes (b'day int)

Sunday 7th January

Epiphany of the Lord

8.30am William English (RIP)

9.15am First Communion Class #5 (hall)

10.30am Pro Populo

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Lowery Family (RIP)

Monday 8th January—Friday 12th January

NO MASSES

Saturday 13th January Sat Com of Our Lady

10am Holy Souls

10.30am-11am Confessions

6.30pm Jonquil Beale (b'day int)

Sunday 14th January

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Pro Populo

10.30am Michael O'Dea (int)

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Maria & Zenon Kostenkiw

*There will be an appeal at all Masses for
the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.*

Christmas Timetable Christmas falls on a Monday this year, meaning that Christmas Eve is also the Fourth Sunday of Advent! There is no Saturday evening Mass and the 8.30am and 10.30am Masses on 24th December fulfil the Sunday obligation, while Masses on Sunday evening and Monday morning are for Christmas! Full Christmas schedules are available, along with the CTU Christmas card. Please remember especially that the Christmas Vigil Mass is at 6pm and the 'Midnight' Mass this year starts at 11pm (with carols from 10.30pm) and ends around midnight. There will be two Masses on Christmas Day itself: 8.30am and 10.30am, both with carols. Please note that weekday Masses over the Christmas period are at 10am and the church will open at 9.30am.

Seeing in the New Year As usual there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 11.30pm on New Year's Eve and Benediction at midnight, followed by Mass in honour of Mary, the Mother of God. Why not see in 2018 in God's house?

Living Nativity During the 6pm Christmas Vigil Mass our children (Year 3 and below) will form our tableau to illustrate the Gospel. If you did not make the rehearsal on Friday, your child is still invited to come to the Mass dressed as a shepherd, an angel or even an animal (preferably one that is mentioned in the Christmas story!).

Crib Offerings will go to the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster).

Funerals Sadly, a number of funerals have come for this time of year, including Marian O'Riordan on Tuesday 2nd January at 11.30am and Albert Thomas on Wednesday 3rd January at 10.45am. May they rest in peace!

Fair Trade Stall can be found at the back of the church, with a wide range of gifts and products available. Why not have a look?

Baptism Preparation for Infants next takes place at 10.45am on Saturday 27th January. Please see Angela for further details.

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 December is 'that the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.'

Sunday Collection:
Sunday 17th December
 Loose Plate £556.97
 Planned Giving £373.01

Total: £929.98 Many thanks!

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions
Week beginning 24th December
 Bl. Sacrament: Geming Dispo Soriano (RIP); Our Lady: Bette & Geoff Humphreys (RIP).
Week beginning 31st December
 Bl. Sacrament: Policarpo Goes (RIP); Our Lady: Private int.
Week beginning 7th January
 Bl. Sacrament: Kathleen Fenlon (RIP); Our Lady: Jeanne Warner (thanksgiving).

Point to Ponder 'I am also repeatedly struck by the Gospel writer's almost casual remark that there was no room for them at the inn. Inevitably the question arises, what would happen if Mary and Joseph were to knock at my door. Would there be room for them?...Do we really have room for God when he seeks to enter under our roof? Do we have time and space for him? Do we not actually turn away God himself? We begin to do so when we have no time for God. The faster we can move, the more efficient our time-saving appliances become, the less time we have. And God? The question of God never seems urgent. Our time is already completely full...Let us ask the Lord that we may become vigilant for his presence, that we may hear how softly yet insistently he knocks at the door of our being and willing.' (Pope Benedict XVI)

Fr Nicholas, Angela, Sabina (the cat) and the Parish Team wish you a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year!

Dates for your Diary

Signing of Nursery Forms
 16th & 23rd January, 4pm-6pm

Evening Tour of Diocesan Archive Monday 5th February

Mass of Healing for the Sick Saturday 10th February, 2pm

Marriage Preparation Course 24th February & 10th March

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