



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

2nd Sunday of Lent (B), 25th February 2018

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Parish Diary

Saturday 24th February

Lent Feria

10am Policarpo Goes (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

2pm-5pm Marriage Preparation Course

6.30pm Pro Populo

Sunday 25th February

2nd Sunday of Lent

8.30am Sean Hickey (1st Ann)

9.15am First Communion class #8

10.30am Peter Logan (RIP)

12 noon Parish Sunday Lunch

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Brian Francic (RIP)

Monday 26th February Lent Feria

9.30am Clare Schofield (2nd Ann)

7pm Bible Timeline (hall)

Tuesday 27th February Lent Feria

9.30am John & Bridget O'Kane (int)

Wednesday 28th February Lent Feria

9.30am Con O'Brien (RIP)

Thursday 1st March

St David, Patron of Wales

NO MASS

5.15pm Trip to the West End (42nd Street)

Friday 2nd March Lent Feria

9.30am Natalia D'Souza (6th Ann)

2pm Women's Day of Prayer (church)

7pm Josie Keogh (2nd Ann)

Sung Traditional Mass in Latin

Saturday 3rd March Lent Feria

10am Policarpo Goes (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

11.30am Baptism (Hannah Chimel)

1.30pm Baptism (Eden van Hoorn)

4pm Baptism (Rafael Barros)

4pm-6pm Youth Group (hall)

6.30pm Eddie Beale (RIP)

Sunday 4th March

3rd Sunday of Lent

8.30am Bridget Wolstenholme (RIP)

9.15am First Communion class #9 (hall)

10.30am Pro Populo

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Concordia Soanes (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, starting 23rd February (or 6.30pm on 9th March, for those who work)
- Attend the **Lenten Talk** on 11th March at 6.15pm
- Join the **Bible Timeline** course, beginning 26th February at 7pm
- Give money to the **CAFOD collection** this week, the Cardinal's Lenten Alms (see the leaflets) and/or another **charity**
- Contribute to the **Hillingdon Food bank** (see separate note)

Bible Timeline will be meeting at **7pm** on five Mondays in Lent from 26th February to 26th March. 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 first session is the 'Divided Kingdom': 1 Kings 12-22, 2 Kings. If possible please bring your Bible with you though copies will be available.

42nd Street For those coming on our trip to the West End this Thursday (1st March), we will be meeting promptly at **5.15pm** outside the church. It should be a fun evening!

Parish Lenten Talk We are delighted that Rabbi Dr Andrew Goldstein has kindly agreed to give a talk at **6.15pm** on Sunday **11th March** on 'If I forget thee O Jerusalem....a Jewish view of the Holy City'. Jerusalem plays a central role in both our Faiths and the talk will tie in nicely to the Bible Timeline course, beginning on 26th February. Rabbi Goldstein is originally from Warwick and was Senior Rabbi for many years at the Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue and has published widely. Please do make a note of the date in your diary!

Talk by Fr Nicholas on the 'Life and Legacy of Cardinal Manning' will take place at the Jesuit church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, on Monday 5th March at 6.45pm (nearest station: Green Park). This accompanies an exhibition on the cardinal, who was a famous convert and second Archbishop of Westminster. All welcome!

Jim Keogh RIP We were very sorry to hear of Jim's death on 9 February, aged 88. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated here on Tuesday 6th March at 11am, followed by burial at Woodcock Hill Cemetery. We assure Lorraine of our love and prayers and pray that Jim is now reunited with Josie, who died two years ago. May he rest in peace.

Patrick Wickens RIP The funeral of the late Patrick Wickens, formerly of Willow Crescent, New Denham, will take place at 10am on Wednesday 7th March, with burial at West Drayton Cemetery afterwards. His body will be received into the church the previous afternoon at 4pm. He died on 3rd February, aged 43. May he rest in peace.

Women's World Day of Prayer

On Friday 2nd March at 2pm we will be hosting the Women's World Day of Prayer in our church. This takes place each year, at a rotating location, and the theme for 2018 is 'All God's Creation is Very Good!' The focus this year is on the women of Suriname in South America, who have prepared the service. All are welcome to attend – men and women – and donations of cakes and biscuits will be needed.

Parish Pilgrimage to Greece

(Thessaloniki to Athens) 'in the footsteps of St Paul' is being organised with St Peter's Pilgrimages, 22nd-27th October, at a cost of £790, including flights, half-board accommodation (single room supplement £30 per night). Please see Angela for further information.

Sanctuary Lamps Don't forget that the lamps in front of the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Lourdes can be burnt for your intention. Suggested donation: £10 for a seven day candle.

Fairtrade Fortnight starts on Monday. It aims to put a spotlight on trade. When trade is fair it has the potential to improve the lives of the farmers and workers who grow our food, and help make the world a better place. Please do look at the table in the porch with various Fairtrade items for sale. If you use Facebook or Twitter you might wish to follow Fairtrade and join their 'thunderclap'. We are proud to be a Fairtrade parish!

Care of Altar Linen Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to clean and iron the altar linen. A new rota starting in March can be found alongside instructions in the rack near the door to the sacristy.

Hillingdon Food Bank helps those in our area who do not have the means to cook proper meals for themselves or their families. The Foodbank is currently experiencing very heavy demand for its service and has now little or no stock of certain items (tinned meat and fish, long-life milk and juice, instant mash, rice, pasta sauce, jam, granulated sugar) as well as 10p supermarket carrier bags. These can be placed in the box in the church porch. It is also looking for a volunteer 'man with a van' for 2/3 hours a week (contact Vine Daniels, 07718054246).

Calling all Brunel students! Brunel Catholic Society is meeting this Wednesday at 5.30pm at the Meeting House. We will be having our Annual General Meeting this week at 5.30pm so please come along as we need as many members present as possible! Please contact us via our chaplain Sr Mary: mary.kenefick@brunel.ac.uk or on our Facebook group - Brunel Catholic Society.

Parking Please remember not to block either of the white gates leading into the BT exchange opposite the church since 24 hour access is needed. Also, when parking in front of the presbytery during Mass please use the space as efficiently as possible! Thanks.

Lourdes and Paris St Peter's Pilgrimages is arranging five-day pilgrimages to Lourdes and Paris by coach, with Mass at the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal, Rue du Bac, setting off on 29th March, 25th May, 27th July, 13th August and 26th October, prices from £350. Please see the publicity at the back of the church.

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 18th February
Loose Plan: £1,070.17
Planned Giving: £448.00
Total: £1,518.17
This includes the Ash Wednesday collection.

This Week's Sanctuary Lamp Intentions
Bl. Sacrament: Con & Michael O'Brien (RIP)
Our Lady: Margaret O'Brien (int)

For Your Diary

Stations of the Cross Every Friday, 10am (or 6.30pm on 9th March)

Women's World Day of Prayer 2nd March, 2pm

Lenten Talk, 11th March, 6.15pm

Baptism Preparation Course 21st April, 10.45am



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