



# Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

Easter Newsletter, 25th March 2018

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## Parish Diary for the Next Fortnight

### Saturday 24th March

Lent Feria

10am Good Counsel Network (int)

10.30am-11am Confessions

10.30am Brass Cleaning

5.45pm-6.15pm Confessions

6.30pm Keany & Keaney families (int)

### Sunday 25th March

#### Palm Sunday

8.30am John Cleary (RIP)

10.30am Pro Populo

NO HOLY HOUR

5pm Gary Roberts (RIP)

### Monday 26th March

Holy Monday

9.30am Con O'Brien (3rd Ann)

10am-10.30am Confessions

7pm Bible Timeline

### Tuesday 27th March

Holy Tuesday

9am Policarpo Goes (RIP)

12 noon Chrism Mass (Cathedral)

### Wednesday 28th March

Holy Wednesday

9.30am Good Counsel Network (int)

(End of Term Mass for St Mary's School)

11am Bridget O'Shea (Funeral)

6.30pm-7pm Confessions

### Thursday 29th March

#### Maundy Thursday

NO MORNING MASS

8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

(Josie Keogh RIP)

*followed by Confessions and watching at the altar of repose until midnight*

**(with Night Prayer at 11.50pm)**

### Friday 30th March

#### Good Friday

10am Stations of the Cross

11am CTU Walk of Witness (beginning at our church)

**3pm Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion**

5pm-6pm Confessions

### Saturday 31st March

#### Holy Saturday

11am *Swieconka* (Blessing of Easter Food)

**8pm Solemn Easter Vigil (Pro Populo)**

### Sunday 1st April

#### Easter Sunday

8.30am Holy Souls

10.30am Jim Keogh (RIP)

NO HOLY HOUR/EVENING MASS

### Monday 2nd April

Easter Monday

**10am Lowery Family (RIP)**

### Tuesday 3rd April

Easter Tuesday

**10am Our Lady & St Peregrine (thanksgiving)**

### Wednesday 4th April

Easter Wednesday

**10am Holy Souls**

### Thursday 5th April

Easter Thursday

NO MASS

### Friday 6th April

Easter Friday

**10am Ingrid Messenger (RIP)**

7pm Anne Schofield (10th Ann)

*Sung Traditional Latin Mass*

### Saturday 7th April

Easter Saturday

10am Jim Byrne (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

6.30pm Holy Souls

### Sunday 8th April

#### 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

8.30am Renato Cunanan (RIP)

10.30am Pro Populo

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction

5pm Stephen Carroll (RIP)

**Please note the changes to Mass times and extra confessions!**

**Ushers** are needed for the service on Good Friday and 10.30am Mass on Easter Sunday to help get everyone seated, use the overflow seating in the hall and keep an eye on parking. If you are willing to help please come to a meeting after Masses today.

**Foot Washing on Maundy Thursday** Please see Angela or Dave if you would be willing for your foot to be washed at the 8pm Mass on Maundy Thursday. We are still looking for volunteers.

**Bible Timeline** concludes this Monday at **7pm**. All are welcome, even if you have not attended previous sessions. The focus of the next session is the 'Maccabean Revolt' and will be based on Maccabees 1 and 2. Many thanks to David, Gerard and Peter for running this successful course once again!

**Bridget O'Shea (RIP)** Bridget O'Shea sadly died on 9th March, aged 96, and her funeral will be held in the church on 28th March (Holy Wednesday) at 11am. May she rest in peace!

**Mary's Meals** Advance warning that there will be an opportunity to bring in unwanted clothing and bedding (no pillows or duvets please) on the weekend of 16th-17th June. This might be a focus for our spring cleaning!

**Unwanted Wool** If you have any balls of wool that are surplus to requirements please do bring them to the presbytery so that they can be passed on to some of our housebound parishioners who can use them.

**Charity Wine Tasting** We will be raising money for Mary's Meals at a Wine Tasting Evening on 28th April at 7.30pm. The cost will be £20, £10 of which goes to our charity and the rest to cover the cost of the wine and tapas. There are only 35 places will be available; more details regarding the purchase of tickets to follow after Easter.

**Baptism Preparation Class** for parents of infants seeking baptism takes place on 21st April at 10.45am. Please see Fr Nicholas or Angela.

**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](http://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 April** is 'that economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.'

**Sunday Collection:**

**Sunday 18th March**

Loose Plate £626.82

Planned Giving £350.45

**Total: £977.27** *Many thanks!*

**Sanctuary Lamp Intentions**

*Week beginning 25th March*

Bl. Sacrament: Policarpo Goes (RIP); Our Lady: Victor D'Souza (RIP).

*Week beginning 1st April*

Bl. Sacrament: Holy Souls; Our Lady: Sick of the Parish

**Point to Ponder** 'Palm Sunday can be said to be bittersweet. It is joyful and sorrowful at the same time. We celebrate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem to the cries of his disciples who acclaim him as king. Yet we also solemnly proclaim the Gospel account of his Passion. In this poignant contrast, our hearts experience in some small measure what Jesus himself must have felt in his own heart that day, as he rejoiced with his friends and wept over Jerusalem. This Jesus, who accepts the hosannas of the crowd, knows full well that they will soon be followed by the cry: "Crucify him!" He does not ask us to contemplate him only in pictures and photographs, or in the videos that circulate on the internet. No. He is present in our many brothers and sisters who today endure sufferings like his own: they suffer from slave labour, from family tragedies, from diseases... Jesus is in them, in each of them, and, with marred features and broken voice, he asks to be looked in the eye, to be acknowledged, to be loved.' (Pope Francis)

*Fr Nicholas, Angela, Sabina (the cat) and the Parish Team wish you a blessed Easter!*

## Dates for your Diary

### Baptism Preparation

Course 21st April, 10.45am

### Charity Wine Tasting

Evening 28th April, 7.30pm

### Mary's Meals Collection

of Unwanted Bedding/

Clothing 16th-17th June

### Parish Priest

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