



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 26th February 2017

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Parish Diary

Saturday 25th February

Sat Commemoration of Our Lady

10am Seamus Lyons (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

11.30am Baptism (*Venice Daphne Zuze*)

4.15pm Baptism (*James Doherty*)

6.30pm Leo Gorman (RIP)

Sunday 26th February

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8.30am Nora Fitzgerald (RIP)

9.15am First Communion Class (*hall*)

10.30am Clare Schofield (1st Ann)

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour

5pm Terence McShane (RIP)

Monday 27th February Feria

9.30am Sean Smith (RIP)

Tuesday 28th February Feria

9.30am Con O'Brien (RIP)

7pm RCIA (*presbytery*)

Wednesday 1st March

Ash Wednesday

9.30am Terence Rae (RIP)

7pm Josie Keogh (1st Ann)

Thursday 2nd March Lent Feria

NO MASS

Friday 3rd March Lent Feria

9.30am Mr Muchoki (RIP)

10am Stations of the Cross

2pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service at Christ Church

7pm Edward & Clare Schofield (RIP)

Traditional Latin Sung Mass

Saturday 4th March

Lent Feria

10am Agnes & Peter Retter (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

11.30am Baptism (*Bathabile Malinga*)

2pm Wedding Preparation 1 (*hall*)

6.30pm Eddie (RIP) & Jonquil Beale

Sunday 5th March

1st Sunday of Lent

8.30am John Barnett (RIP)

10.30am Pro Populo

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour

5pm Norrie & Michael Golden (RIP)

6pm Bible Timeline (*hall*)

This Sunday we have a Pastoral Letter from the Cardinal on the topic 'Called to Serve the Sick'. The next few months the diocese will be putting a particular focus on the sick, their families and those who care for them. This ties in with our parish dedication to Our Lady of Lourdes, so closely linked to those who are suffering. We are very thankful to our Sick Visiting Team and recently celebrated our first Mass of Anointing for the Sick. We keep in our prayers the sick and housebound of the parish and those who selflessly care for them.

Ash Wednesday Lent starts this Wednesday, 1st March, and there will be Masses with the imposition of ashes at 9.30am and 7pm. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting (one main meal) and abstinence from meat.

Lent 2017 This penitential season, which starts later than usual this year, is a wonderful opportunity for new beginnings and spiritual renewal. Each week in our newsletter (starting next weekend) we will be offering suggestions for Lenten practices—not only spiritual exercises but also ideas to live more simply. Have a think about what to give up AND what extra to take on this year.

Lenten Course—Bible Timeline This popular course will resume on Sunday 5th March for five weeks from 6pm to 7.30pm in the Church Hall. We will be covering more of the Old Testament, especially Judges, Joshua, 1/2 Samuel, 1 Kings. Do come along even if you missed last season. Each session stands alone.

Women's Day of Prayer takes place at 2pm on 3rd March at Christ Church. The focus this year is on the Philippines. All are welcome (men and women!).

Fairtrade Celebration Sunday To celebrate Fairtrade Fort-night (27th February-12th March) we will be serving Fairtrade teas, coffees and biscuits after all Masses on Sunday 5th March. There will also be a Traidcraft stall and lots of information about Fairtrade. All Welcome. Please let Angela/Maria Kirby (07834972644) know if you would like to help serving teas etc.

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. These will take place 4-6pm on 21st and 28th March. In order for the 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.

Preparation for Infant Baptisms next takes place on Saturday 25th March at 2.30pm. Please see Fr Nicholas or Angela for more info.

First Holy Communion Course continues this Sunday morning at 9.15am.

RCIA continues this Tuesday at 7pm.

After Sunday Mass If you are sitting on the left hand of the church, please let the servers pass and reach the sacristy before leaving the church. Thank you!

We were very sad to hear of the deaths of two longstanding parishioners recently: **Peter McAleavey** of Denziloe Avenue, Hillingdon, who for several years served Mass here, and **Philip Hartland**, formerly of The Chestnuts, Honeycroft Hill, who was a regular at our 10.30am Mass until a year or two ago. May they rest in peace.

Collectors at Masses We are always extremely grateful to parishioners who take the collection at Sunday Masses. From now on, however, we ask that the basket is taken directly to the sacristy (Fr Nicholas or Angela can show you the designated place). Please access the sacristy via the side aisle. Thank you!

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 from Angela. Please return them to her as soon as you can and she will check them and forward them to St Peter's Pilgrimages.

Parish Trip to Ypres Following on from last year's trip to the Somme, we will be going to the beautiful city of Ypres in Belgium, the scene of a bloody battle in 1917, between 30th May and 1st June (half-term). Cost: £295, inc travel (by mini-bus), accommodation and breakfast. Please see Angela if interested.

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! We will be taking a group of Confirmation candidates but have some spare tickets at £15 each; please let Angela know if you are a young adult (14 and above) and would like to come!

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.

Annual Mass in Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony takes place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 3rd June. All those celebrating a significant anniversary (10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and every year over 60!) are invited to attend. If you would like to go along, please give Fr Nicholas the follow details: names, church and date of wedding, full postal address and email—by 10th March.

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.

Hillingdon Love Your Clothes Repair Workshop This free sewing workshop will take place in our parish hall on 13th March, 6pm-9pm. If you wish to attend, please register at <http://>

westlondonwaste.eventbrite.co.uk or see Angela.

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.

Pope's Prayer Intention for February: Comfort for the Afflicted: That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities

Sunday Collections:

19th February

Loose Plate £723.98

Planned Giving £623.70

Total £1,347.68

Many thanks!

Point to Ponder: 'Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts", to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, he patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, he shows us his readiness to forgive.' (Pope Francis, *Message for Lent 2017*)

For Your Diary...

3rd March Women's Day of Prayer, Christ Church, 2pm

Sundays of Lent Bible Timeline

11th March Flame 2017 (Wembley Arena)

21st & 28th March Signing of Nursery Forms



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