



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare), 25th March 2017

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Parish Diary

Saturday 25th March

Annunciation of the Lord

10am Audrey Skinner (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions

11.30am Baptisms (Lennie & Belle Messenger)

1.30pm Baptism (Georgie Carr-Stafford)

2.30pm Baptism Preparation Class

6.30pm Norrie & Michael Golden (RIP)

Sunday 26th March

4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare)

8.30am Con O'Brien (2nd Ann)

10.30am Anna Krawec (1st Ann)

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour

5pm John & Margaret McShane (RIP)

6pm Bible Timeline

Monday 27th March Lent Feria

9.30am Marguerite Miles (30th Ann)

Tuesday 28th March Lent Feria

9.30am Joan Thomas (RIP)

4pm-6pm Nursery Form Signing (hall)

7pm RCIA

Wednesday 29th March Lent Feria

9.30am Liam Molan (RIP)

Thursday 30th March Lent Feria

NO MASS

Friday 31st March

Lent Feria

9.30am Mass with St Mary's School

10.15am Stations of the Cross

Saturday 1st April

Lent Feria

10am Terry Banner Jnr & Snr

10.30am Confessions

10.30am Brass Cleaning Team

11.30am Baptism (Molly Golden)

6.30pm Pro Populo

Sunday 2nd April

5th Sunday of Lent

8.30am Sean Hickey (RIP)

10.30am John Cleary (RIP)

3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour

5pm Malcolm Morris (RIP)

6pm Bible Timeline

This Sunday there will be a second collection for *Caritas*.

The Attacks in Westminster We were shocked by the terror attack in Westminster on Wednesday. We remember in our prayers all those injured and those who lost their lives, including Aysha Frade, killed by the car on Westminster Bridge. Her two children attend St Mary of the Angels RC School in Bayswater. Pope Francis said that he was 'deeply saddened to learn of the loss of life and of the injuries caused by the attack' and expressed 'his prayerful solidarity with all those affected by this tragedy'. Cardinal Vincent wrote: 'Let our voice be one of prayer, of compassionate solidarity, and of calm. All who believe in God, Creator and Father of every person, will echo this voice, for faith in God is not a problem to be solved, but a strength and a foundation on which to depend.'

Nursery Forms If your child is *3 years old by spring 2018* and you want them to be considered for nursery admission at St Mary's, you need to apply by midday on **31st March**. For all the information and forms, please visit www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk; admissions is under 'Key Information'. We will be conducting further interviews for the priest to sign the necessary paperwork 4-6pm on 28th March; appointments can still be made on the sheets at the back of the church. 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 (i.e. 3-4 times a month)**. Please make sure you get your Mass Attendance Card signed each week.

Lenten Course—Bible Timeline This popular course is running on the Sundays of Lent from 6pm to 7.30pm in the Church Hall. We will be covering more of the Old Testament; this week 1 Samuel. Do come along even if you missed previous sessions. Each session stands alone.

Lent 2017 This penitential season is a wonderful opportunity for new beginnings and spiritual renewal. Please remember that there are Stations of the Cross **each Friday at 10am**. This third week of Lent, why not:

- pray the Stations of the Cross
- affirm somebody with the good he/she has done
- plant bulbs (to find out more see www.cafod.org.uk/livesimply)

Confessions in Lent As well as extra times for confession here in the church during Holy Week (please watch this space), Reconciliation Services with individual confessions will take place at Immaculate Heart, Hayes on Holy Monday (10th April) at 7.30pm and Most Sacred Heart, Ruislip on Holy Tuesday (11th April) at 7.30pm. All are welcome!

Good Friday 2017 We are delighted that the 3pm Service of Commemoration of the Lord's Passion this year will be led by Bishop John Wilson, our Auxiliary Bishop. He has also kindly agreed to help with Confessions afterwards.

Brass Cleaning Team will be meeting on Saturday 1st April after the 10am Mass to get things ready for Holy Week and Easter—all are welcome to help!

Planned Giving Envelopes The boxes with envelopes for the next year are now available at the back of the church. New members of the Planned Giving Scheme are always welcome and all who pay income tax are encouraged to Gift Aid their offerings. This enables us to increase your offerings by 25%; in previous years we have generated up to an additional £10,000 for parish funds. Simply complete and return the form available in the porch. We would also encourage you to make your regular offerings by Standing Order. This reduces administration and means we hold less cash on the premises. If you currently Gift Aid your offerings but no longer pay income tax, please let us know so that we can change records accordingly. Thank you for your vital support for our parish!

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.

Help Needed My name is Tracey Allan and I am a parishioner here at Our Lady & St Michael's who is currently completing an MA in Theology. For my dissertation, I need your help! I want to explore why people choose to continue to practice their faith as adults. I have put together a number of questions which I need people to complete, if they have been practising Catholics all/most of their life. All the answers are confidential and will only be used for the purposes of this research. It should take between 15-20 minutes to complete. The questionnaire closes on Monday 17th April. Please visit: <https://stmarys.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/understanding-catholic-practice>. Your contribution is essential in helping me to write something interesting! If you have any questions or problems with the link please don't hesitate to contact me: allantcf@aol.com

Pilgrimage to Lourdes Every year, the Diocese of Westminster takes a large number of sick pilgrims to Lourdes and we rely on the help of volunteers to care for them. If you are between 16 and 18, you can serve as a Red Cap, helping people in wheelchairs and taking part in the processions and many other tasks. Please contact Katrina at katrina.lavery@clovershipping.com if you would like to learn more. If you are interested in helping in the St Frai, please email chief helper Nick Leonard and team at westminsterstfrai@gmail.com This year's pilgrimage takes place 23rd to 29th July.

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.

Sunday Collections:

19th March

Loose Plate £650.89

Planned Giving £484.02

Total £1,134.91

Pope's Prayer Intention for

March: 'that persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.'

Point to Ponder: 'At the foot of the cross Mary is called to utter a second "yes", after the "yes" which she spoke at the Annunciation, when she became the Mother of Jesus and thus opened the door to our salvation. With this second "yes", Mary becomes the Mother of us all, the Mother of every man and woman for whom Jesus shed his blood. Here motherhood is a living sign of God's love and mercy for us. Because of this, the bonds of affection and trust uniting the Christian people to Mary are deep and strong. As a result, we have recourse to her spontaneously, especially at the most difficult times of our lives. Mary, however, paid a high price for this universal motherhood. Simeon had prophesied of her in the Temple of Jerusalem: "a sword will pierce through your own soul".' (Cardinal Camillo Ruini).

For Your Diary...

Sundays of Lent Bible
Timeline, 6pm

28th March Signing of
Nursery Forms

25th March Baptism Prepara-
tion Class, 2.30pm

Youth Group Meetings

4pm on 1st April, 6th May,
3rd June & 1st July



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