



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

Christ the King, 25th November 2017

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Parish Diary

Saturday 25th November

St Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr
10am Freddie Lumaj (RIP)
10.30am-11am Confessions
10.30am Advent Recollection for
Students of Brunel & UCL (hall)
6.30pm Pro Populo

Sunday 26th November

Christ the King

8.30am Wilson family (RIP)
9.15am First Communion Class #3 (hall)
10.30am Janu (thanksgiving)
11.30am Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal
3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction
5pm Fr John Formby (2nd Ann)

Monday 27th November, Feria

9.30am Lola Soler (RIP)
7pm Alpha #9 (hall)

Tuesday 28th November, Feria

9.30am Michael O'Brien (RIP)
with Years 3 & 4 from St Mary's
5pm-7pm Reception Applications (hall)

Wednesday 29th November, Feria

9.30am Josie Keogh (RIP)

Thursday 30th November

St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland
NO MASS

Friday 1st December

St Edmund Campion, Martyr
9.30am Sharon Iaclemarco (RIP)
7pm Richard Casserley (RIP)
Traditional Sung Latin Mass

Saturday 2nd December

Feria
10am Mary O'Brien (RIP)
10.30am-11am Confessions
2.30pm Baptism Preparation Class
4pm-6pm Youth Group (hall)
6.30pm Pro Populo

Sunday 3rd December

First Sunday of Advent (Year B)

8.30am Mary Reilly (RIP)
10.30am Blanca Lilia Vejarana (RIP)
11.30am Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal
3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction
5pm Carlton Hunt (int)

Reception Application September 2018 Appointments are still available for Fr Nicholas to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice for your child's reception application. Interviews take place on Tuesday 28th November (5pm-7pm). Please make sure you put your name down on the sheet at the back of the church. In order for Fr Nicholas to sign the CCP you need to demonstrate that you are a practicing Catholic, which means (in terms of school applications) coming to Mass on Sundays. The easiest way to demonstrate this is by showing at least six months of signatures on our Mass Attendance Cards. If you have not recently been attending Mass regularly then Fr Nicholas cannot sign the CCP, even if you are known to him. Nursery forms will be signed in January.

Alpha Course runs every Monday 7pm-9pm until 11th December. Sessions begin with a simple meal and everyone is welcome, even if you have not attended before. Information about the course is available in the church or please contact Maciek Zagwojski on 07553 850304/ m.zagwojski@gmail.com

Christmas Pop Up Choir is being formed again for the Parish Carol Service on 17th December at 6.30pm. All are welcome! No experience needed, just the willingness to come to rehearsals on Sundays from 26th November, 11.30am-12.15pm (after 10.30am Mass). Readers are also needed; if interested, please see Angela.

Youth Group is meeting again on Saturday 2nd December at 4pm in the hall. The theme will be 'pre-Christmas', with a lot of fun games/activities, and Christmas snacks.

Calling all Brunel students! Calling all Brunel students! Brunel Catholic Society is meeting this Wednesday at 5.30pm in the meeting house. We are getting ready for Advent by practicing carols! Mass is celebrated at the Meeting House once a month—the next date is 6th December at 1pm. Morning and Evening Prayer takes place Monday-Friday at 8.30am and 5.30pm respectively. *Lectio Divina* takes place each Tuesday at 12.30pm-1pm. Sr Mary Kenefick is the Chaplain and would love to hear from you: mary.kenefick@brunel.ac.uk Please join our Facebook group - Brunel Catholic Society.

Catholic Schools Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then you need to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. This cap currently limits the numbers of Catholics that can be admitted to some new Catholic schools to 50% of the total number of school admissions, meaning that many Catholic pupils would be denied a place. The Government have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it; now we need to ask them not to u-turn on this promise. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

Altar Servers There will be a training session for all servers on Saturday 16th December at 2.30pm. Please come along!

Sanctuary Lamps As you know, a candle burns all day and all night before the Blessed Sacrament and the altar of Our Lady. If you would like to sponsor one of these candles for a particular intention (e.g. for a deceased loved one or as a thanksgiving) for one week, please let us know and we will print the details in the newsletter. Suggested donation for one seven day candle: £10.

Parish Census We are updating the details of parishioners that we keep in the parish office. This is purely for internal use. Please pick up a census sheet from the back of the church (one per family) and return as soon as possible, even if you are well known to us! Thank you.

Volunteering Opportunity Life is a national charity with a 46 year track record of successfully offering positive alternatives to those affected by a crisis pregnancy. Life is looking for new volunteers to help at their busy Pregnancy Matters Centre in Hounslow where they offer practical and emotional support to women at a particularly challenging period in their life. All volunteers will be offered training in counselling skills – the next Accredited Level 2 Listening Skills course will begin in January 2018. For more information please contact JoannaJames@lifecharity.org.uk or phone 020 8570 7717.

Uxbridge Boot Camp meets in our hall 10.15am-11.15am Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 7pm-8pm Wednesday and Friday. Child friendly fitness class for all fitness levels. Four week fitness challenge £10 registration fee and all classes are free. Just come along and try!

Sleeping Bags Please bring in any unwanted sleeping bags to help the homeless this winter. We will give them out to any rough sleepers who come to us and we will also pass some to St Margaret's to assist their work with the homeless. Thank you.

Field Heath Christmas Draw Tickets are now available from Fr Nicholas and Angela. Prizes include £160 voucher for Family Photography Experience, £100 voucher for John Lewis and a Luxury Christmas hamper.

Irish Dancing Beginners class for children aged 4+ meets in our parish hall on Saturdays, 10.30am-11.30am, run by Trinity School for Irish Dancing (holders of 7 All England and 2 World titles!). Contact via FB (Scoil Rince Trinity) or via trinityscid@gmail.com

Life of a Swiss Guard Westminster Cathedral is hosting an exhibition on the life of Swiss Guards with images, uniforms and artefacts providing an insight into the life and vocation of the men who guard the Holy Father. The exhibition runs until 13th December in the Chapels of St Patrick and St Andrew. Admission is free.

We're connected! Check us out on Instagram (@uxbridgecatholic), Facebook (@UxbridgeCatholicParish) 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 November is 'that Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.'

Have you got old £1 coins or £5 notes hanging around the house? Why not donate them to the church and put in the collection?

Sunday Collection:
Sunday 19th November
Loose Plate £618.78
Planned Giving £310.86
Total: £929.64

A further £538.08 was raised in the Sick and Retired Priests collection. Many thanks!

This Week's Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Bl. Sacrament: Neil Ronnie Diniz
Our Lady: Neil Ronnie Diniz (int)

For Your Diary...

Interviews for Reception Forms 28th November

Baptism Preparation Class, Saturday 2nd December, 2.30pm

Parish Carol Service Sunday 17th December, 6.30pm

Evening Tour of Diocesan Archive Monday 5th February



Parish Priest

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