



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B), 28th January 2018

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Parish Diary

Saturday 27th January

Sat Commemoration of Our Lady
10am Policarpo Goes (65th b'day RIP)
10.30am-11am Confessions
10.45am-11.45am Baptism Preparation
6.30pm John Brendon O'Sullivan (RIP)

Sunday 28th January

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am C. M. Kunjuvareed Thresiakutty (RIP)
10.30am Brenda Cronin (RIP)
12 noon Sunday Parish Lunch
3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction
5pm Pro Populo

Monday 29th January

Feria
9.30am O'Shea family (int)

Tuesday 30th January

Feria
9.30am Brian Wilson (RIP)

Wednesday 31st January

St John Bosco, Priest
9.30am Cowley family (int)

Thursday 1st February

Feria
NO MASS

Friday 2nd February

Presentation of the Lord

9.30am Alex D'Souza (36th Ann)
Beginning of O.L. of Lourdes Novena

Saturday 3rd February

SS Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore
10am Vinod Babber (int)
10.30am-11am Confessions
4pm-6pm Youth Group (hall)
6.30pm Pro Populo

Sunday 4th February

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am John & Ann Dempsey (RIP)
9.15am First Communion Class #7
10.30am St Anthony (thanksgiving)
3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction
5pm Patrick Loftus (RIP)
Blessings of Throats available after Mass this weekend

This Sunday we welcome Tony Corish, Head of Douay Martyrs, who will be speaking at the morning Masses about our local Catholic secondary school and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

This Sunday we also have our **Parish Sunday Lunch** at 12 noon. Please bring a plate to share; all are welcome.

First Friday Traditional Sung Latin Mass has been moved this month to the second Friday—9th February at 7pm.

Next weekend the traditional Blessing of Throats for the Feast of St Blaise will be available after all Masses.

Ash Wednesday Don't forget that Lent starts on Wednesday 14th February and there will be Masses here at 9.30am and 7pm. The romantic among you will note that this is also St Valentine's Day! Since Ash Wednesday is one of our two annual days of fasting and abstinence, you might want to consider keeping your Valentine celebrations the night before...

Mass of Healing for the Sick takes place on Saturday 10th February at 12 noon (**not 2pm as previously advertised**), around our patronal feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The sick and housebound are especially welcome to attend and the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated during the Mass. A blessing will also be given to carers, nurses, etc. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards! This takes the place of our morning Mass. We are looking for

- Donations of cake and/or savoury snacks on the day
- Volunteer drivers to collect and drop home those who need transport
- Welcomers to help seat our guests for the Mass
- Helpers to serve tea/coffee, etc in the hall

Please see Angela if you are willing to help.

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 if you would like to help as a reader please speak to Angela.

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.

Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes will be starting next Friday (2nd February) after weekday Masses as we get ready for our patronal feast. Prayer leaflets are available at the back of the church.

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.

Calling Brunel students! Brunel Catholic Society is meeting this Wednesday at 5.30pm at the Meeting House. We are welcoming Chris Castell who will be explaining what the Sacraments are! Please contact us via our chaplain: mary.kenefick@brunel.ac.uk or on our Facebook group - Brunel Catholic Society.

Altar Linen A new rota to cover January and February is available in the rack near the door to the sacristy. Thank you to those that help with this important task. We are appealing for more volunteers to launder and iron the small cloths used on the altar. Each volunteer would only need to do this once each month starting from March. If you are interested please add your name to the list at the back of the church and we will contact you to let you know what is involved.

Outing to the West End We have an opportunity to see 42nd Street on Thursday 1st March for £52.50, including a top price ticket in the stalls and coach transport from our church to the theatre. Please see Angela if interested by 28th January.

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 and allow room for other cars! Thanks.

Evening Tour of Diocesan Archive Fr Nicholas also works as Diocesan Archivist and there will be an exclusive opportunity for parishioners to see our historical treasures on the evening of Monday 5th February. The Archive is located at 16 Abingdon Rd, just off Kensington High Street, and constitutes one of the most important collections of documents relating to the English Catholic community stretching back to the sixteenth century and beyond. Please let Fr Nicholas or Angela if you are interested in coming; you can either meet at Uxbridge station at 4.30pm or make your own way to Kensington, meeting outside Our Lady of Victories at 5.45pm. There is no charge beyond the cost of travel into central London.

Alpha Prayer Group Following the successful Alpha Course, some of the participants are continuing the good work with a monthly prayer group which will be held in the church/hall on the third Saturday of each month at around 7.15pm. All are welcome, even if you did not attend Alpha!

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).

Keeping our Church Clean Please keep our church clean especially by taking litter home with you and making sure that no food is consumed in church. It is our shared sacred space and a home from home so let us treat it with respect. As they say, cleanliness is next to godliness!

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 January is 'that Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom'.

Sunday Collection:
Sunday 21st January
Loose Plan: £702.81
Planned Giving: £322.63
Total: £1,025.44

This Week's Sanctuary Lamp Intentions
Bl. Sacrament: Brenda Cronin (RIP)
Our Lady: Patrick Walsh (RIP)

For Your Diary

Evening Tour of Diocesan Archive Monday 5th February

Mass of Healing for the Sick Saturday 10th February, 12 noon

Ash Wednesday 14th February, Masses 9.30am & 7pm

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



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