



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

Baptism of the Lord (C), 12th January 2025

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Parish Diary

Saturday 11th January

Christmas Feria

10am Edgar Rosal (b'day int)

10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration

*11.30am-12.30pm Nursery Forms
(church)*

*1.30pm Baptisms (Christopher & Evelyn
Lena)*

3.30pm First Communion class #5 (hall)

5pm Phyllis O'Callaghan (RIP)

Sunday 12th January

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8am Judith Del Castillo (RIP)

9.30am Kate Peoples (6th Ann)

11am Michael Kennedy (RIP)

Monday 13th January St Hilary

9am Maxwell Lopes (RIP)

Tuesday 14th January Feria

9.30am Holy Souls

6pm Ignatian Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday 15th January Feria

9.30am Margaret Ganly (5th Ann)

Thursday 16th January Feria

NO MASS

Friday 17th January St Antony, Abbot

6pm Bridie O'Sullivan (int)

6.45pm Parish Rosary (YouTube)

Saturday 18th January Our Lady

10am Flora Silveira (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration

12 noon RCIA

*3pm Wedding (Bill Michell & Maria La
Manna-Michell)*

5pm Alex Le Bon (tx)

Sunday 19th January

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

8am Maria & Zeno Kostenkiw (RIP)

9.30am Peter Parsons (int)

11am Jesus (9th Ann) & Eugenia (4th
Ann) Tidoy

*Services in **bold** are livestreamed on the
'Uxbridge Parish' YouTube channel.*

***Sanctuary Lamps** burn this week for Leo
Benedict D'Sa, RIP (Bl Sac) & Fr Sean
Carroll, RIP (Our Lady).*

Parking Following a meeting with the Council, we have been advised that cars should not park on the double yellow lines on the dual carriageway (Oxford Road), which are on a cycle lane and near the roundabout. Traffic accelerates around the bend and so parking here is potentially dangerous. All other parking arrangements on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings will carry on as usual. We encourage car-users to come to Mass in good time, park sensibly and maximise the space that we have (which is more than some local churches), including the half-moon area in front of the presbytery. If there is absolutely no space for parking, then please use alternative options in the town centre car parks. Cyclists can use the racks in front of the church. Thank you.

Fr Sean Carroll RIP We were deeply saddened to hear of the sudden death of Fr Sean Carroll, Parish Priest of the Most Sacred Heart, Ruislip. He was found dead in the presbytery at Ruislip last Sunday morning. He was a larger-than-life figure who will be remembered for his joy-filled ministry and his work in building up the parish community in the two years he spent there. As Dean, Fr Nicholas is coordinating matters in Ruislip during this difficult time. May Fr Sean rest in peace.

Thank you once again for your great generosity over Christmas—all the cards and gifts were much appreciated. May God bless you all, *Fr Nicholas & Angela*

Parish Statistics Last year was a busy year in our parish and we have just sent off our annual statistics to the diocese. We celebrated 45 individual baptisms, 55 First Holy Communions, 9 adult confirmations, 2 weddings (with 4 marriage paperwork files prepared for outside the parish), and 21 funerals. 16 people attended the marriage preparation course We currently have 7 adults in the RCIA programme and 19 parishioners receive Holy Communion at home. The average Mass attendance across four weekends last autumn was 822 each week.

St Mary's School Nursery is now offering extended 30-hour provision from 3 years old, creating more flexibility and opportunity for our families. If you, or anyone you know, has little ones ready to join a warm and nurturing environment, we would love to welcome them to our nursery family. We also offer am or pm sessions too. Please contact the school directly on 01895 232 814. We welcome visits to the school and can arrange guided tour days.

Parish WhatsApp Group

To join, please send your number to 07949717769.

Mass Intentions are now booked up until March 2025. If you would like to arrange a Mass for a particular intention or anniversary, please see Fr Nicholas at the end of any Mass (rather than email, phone or text). The suggested donation (stipend) for a Mass is £10 or whatever you can afford.

Please be alert for any suspicious or strange behaviour, especially at the end of Mass. Speak to Fr Nicholas or Angela if you have any concerns.

First Holy Communion The next sessions are on 11th January and 1st February at 3.30pm.

Confirmation Course starts in the church hall for those enrolled on Saturday 25th January, 2.30pm-4.45pm. Candidates are asked to stay for the 5pm Mass that day.

Marriage Preparation Course for those getting married in a Catholic church this coming year takes place in our church hall on Mondays 20th January and 3rd February, 6.30pm-9pm.

Dates for the Diary

Marriage Preparation Course 20th January & 3rd February, 6.30pm-9pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Mass for the Sick 15th February, 12 noon

Baptism Preparation Session 22nd February, 2.30pm

Please see Angela urgently if you are interested.

Hospital Volunteers Would you like be Good News to patients and families in hospital? Some of Hillingdon Hospital's patients are neighbours from your Parish; some have just arrived at Heathrow. Our Chaplaincy needs Catholics from local Parishes to join our team of Volunteers. You can be a listening ear, a companion in prayer, and share the Eucharist. If interested, please speak to Angela. Thank you, Fr. Jack Creagh, Chaplain

Jobs with the Diocese of Westminster If you are interested in working with the church, visit www.jobs.rcdow.org.uk

St Joan of Arc Catholic School, Rickmansworth Due to a number of families relocating to other parts of the UK and abroad, we have a few school places available. We are therefore accepting in-year admission applications from parents who may wish for their children to continue their education in a Catholic school. Further details: www.joa.herts.sch.uk/2045/in-year-admissions

Most services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel (Uxbridge Parish). If you sit in the front or come up for Communion, you may appear: please let us know if you have concerns.

Prayer for the Jubilee Year 2025 Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

Jubilee Year 2025



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