



# Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

1st Sunday of Advent (C), 1st December 2024

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## Parish Diary

### Saturday 30th November

#### St Andrew, Apostle

10am Ken Onwu (Ann)

10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration

11.30am Baptism (George Kanetos)

3.30pm First Communion #4 (hall)

5pm Margaret O'Brien (RIP)

### Sunday 1st December

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8am Our Lady of Lourdes (tx)

9.30am Michael O'Hara (8th Ann)

11am Clement Ashenuga (30th Ann)

### Monday 2nd December Advent Feria

9am Hamilton family (RIP)

4pm-6pm First Confessions (church)

### Tuesday 3rd December

St Francis Xavier

9.30am Keeley family (RIP)

6pm Ignatian Prayer (Zoom)

### Wednesday 4th December Advent Feria

9.30am Eugene Reardon (8th Ann)

### Thursday 5th December Advent Feria

NO MASS

### Friday 6th December St Nicholas

5.30pm Parish Rosary (YouTube)

6pm O'Brien family (RIP)

### Saturday 7th December St Ambrose

10am Placy D'Souza (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration

11.30am Baptism (Oliver James Taylor)

2-4pm First Confessions (church)

5pm Catherine Mary Power (RIP)

6pm Talk: *The Church and Soviet Russia*

### Sunday 8th December

#### 2nd Sunday of Advent (C)

8am Tim Hobbs (int)

9.30am Pro Populo (with Bp Jim Curry)

11am Feba Boban (int)

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

**Sanctuary Lamps** burn this week for Private intention (Bl Sac) & Jackie O'Kelly, int (Our Lady).

**First Holy Communion 2025** It's that time of year when our First Communion candidates make their First Confession. There are two opportunities when Fr Nicholas will be available—between 4pm and 6pm on Monday (2nd December) and 2pm and 4pm on Saturday (7th December). Just come to the church at any point between those times. Please make sure your Mass Attendance Card is being signed regularly at Mass.

**Confirmation 2025** Forms and dates are available for our young people (Yr 9/10) to collect (not the parents!). The Confirmation Mass at the Cathedral will be on Saturday 31st May 2025 at 2.30pm.

**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 that encourages early learning and play, 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.

## Towards Advent (begins 1 December)

- Check out the Advent page on our website—[www.catholicchurchuxbridge.org.uk/advent](http://www.catholicchurchuxbridge.org.uk/advent)
- If you are sending Christmas cards, please try to use religious-themed ones. One of the Royal Mail stamps this year features Westminster Cathedral!
- Use a religious Advent Calendar or Candle (see our repository)
- From this Sunday all Catholic churches in the UK will be using a new edition of the Lectionary—our readings at Mass will use the English Standard Version. The readings will therefore sound different. For more info: [www.cbcew.org.uk/category/cbcew/liturgy/lectionary](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/category/cbcew/liturgy/lectionary)
- Our new area bishop, Bp Jim Curry, will be celebrating the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 8th December
- Fr Nicholas will be giving a series of talks on Saturdays at 6pm in the parish hall:

**7th December** The Church and Soviet Russia  
**14th December** The Church against Hitler and Mussolini

### **Parish WhatsApp Group**

To join, please send your number to 07949717769.

**Sunday Parking** Please avoid blocking the BT gates or parking near the roundabout (alongside the railings). Please also park sensibly in front of the presbytery—there should be space for 6-8 cars here.

**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. Your Parish office can put you in touch, or ring 01895 279433. Thank you, Fr. Jack Creagh, Chaplain

**Nursery School Forms (CCPs)** will be signed at interviews on Fri 10th January 3pm-5.30pm; Sat 11th January, 11.30am-12.30pm. Please make sure you are signing your Mass Attendance Card and have a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

**Book Launch in our Church Hall** Katy Bagley will be launching her book *Epilepsy, me, myself and I* on Sunday 8th December at 12.30pm, in conjunction with the charity Ease.

**Jobs with the Diocese of Westminster** If you are interested in working with the church, visit [www.jobs.rcdow.org.uk](http://www.jobs.rcdow.org.uk)

**A Christmas Celebration in Westminster Cathedral** Tickets are now on sale for this annual concert of carols and readings with the world-famous Westminster Cathedral Choir, orchestra, and celebrity readers, on 18th and 19th December at 7.30pm. Tickets can be purchased directly from [www.ticketmaster.co.uk](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk) (type in Westminster Cathedral when prompted).

**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](http://www.joa.herts.sch.uk/2045/in-year-admissions)

**Open Morning** at St Bernadette's on Friday 13th December, 9.30am. Book a place [stbernadetteschool.co.uk](http://stbernadetteschool.co.uk)

**Have you thought about training to be a teacher?** As part of the 'plant and seed' initiative, the diocese is funding 7 internships to experience primary/secondary teaching in summer 2025. £300 a week to cover costs. See <https://education.rcdow.org.uk/working-in-catholic-education/leadership/>

**Accommodation to rent in Hillingdon** would suit single person/professional. Please see Angela.

**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.**

### **Dates for the Diary**

**18th December** Candlelit Rorate Mass, 7am

**Christmas Masses** 4pm, 6pm & 11pm on 24th December; 9.30am & 11am on 25th December

**Baptism Preparation Session** 22nd February, 2.30pm

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