



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B), 21st January 2024

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Parish Diary

Saturday 20th January Our Lady
10am Ken & Richard Onwu (RIP)
10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration
1.30pm Baptism (Nathaniel Fabellar)
3.30pm FHC Class#5 (hall)
5pm Piedade & Ernest Vaz (RIP)

Sunday 21st January
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
8am John Stanley & family (RIP)
9.30am Florence Guiraud (RIP)
11am Policarpo Goes (7th Ann)
followed by teas/coffees

Monday 22nd January Feria
9am Thomas Myers (int)

Tuesday 23rd January Feria
9.30am Holy Souls
11am Funeral (Paul Finegan, RIP)
4.45pm RCIA (Zoom)
6pm Ignatian Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday 24th January
St Francis de Sales
9.30am St Anthony (tx)

Thursday 25th January
Conversion of St Paul
NO MASS

Friday 26th January
SS Timothy & Titus
6pm Keith D'Souza (b'day int)

Saturday 27th January
St Angela Merici
10am Belén Zapatero (RIP)
10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration
2pm-4.30pm Wedding Preparation #1
5pm Margaret McManus (int)

Sunday 28th January
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
8am Eamon McGlew (int)
9.30am Joe Remy De Souza (Ann)
11am Brenda Cronin (10th Ann)
followed by teas/coffees

*The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for
Marina Martins, int (Bl Sac) & Those
preparing for marriage (Our Lady)*

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

This weekend there will be second collection to support the sick and retired clergy fund.

Paul Vincent Finegan RIP We were sorry to hear of Paul's death, at home on Cowley Mill Road, on 30th December, aged 70. His Funeral will be celebrated at our church on Tuesday 23rd January at 11am, followed by burial at Cherry Lane. May he rest in peace.

Children's Liturgy takes place in term time at the 9.30am Sunday for children of school age.

Teas and Coffees After the 11am Mass Volunteers are needed to provide refreshments after our 11am Mass. This normally involves bringing milk and cakes/biscuits to share. The rota can be found in the hall noticeboard. Many thanks!

Baptism Preparation The next session is on Saturday 17th February (2.30pm). Please contact us if you would like your baby/toddler baptised. Please also ask for more details if an older child or adult is seeking baptism. Please note there is no preparation session in January.

Talk: Medjugorje: What's Happening? Given by Fr Jim Mulligan at 7pm on Friday 26th January at St Paul's Church, 2 Merle Avenue, Harefield UB9 6DG. All welcome!

Uxbridge Local History Society Fr Nicholas has organised this year's programme. Meetings take place at Christ Church on Redford Way. Membership is £10 for the year (you can join at any meeting); otherwise guests are invited to make a donation of £2 per meeting:

20th February, 7.30pm— 'The Uxbridge Road: Is it really that interesting?', Anthony Smith

19th March, 7.30pm— 'Railways of Uxbridge', Ken Pearce

Our Lady of Lourdes—On Saturday 10th February at 11.30am we will be holding our annual Mass for the Sick, with the possibility of the sacrament of anointing, and a blessing for carers and health professionals. This will take the place of the 10am Mass. Also that day at 2.30pm, Cardinal Vincent will celebrate the Mass at the Cathedral, during which anointing of the sick will be offered. If you would like to go, please let us know and we will book (free) tickets for you.

Advance Notice that at the 9.30am Masses on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st January we will not be able to turn the church heating on, due to works in the boiler room. Please wrap up warmly!

Marriage Preparation

Course Our annual course takes place in the parish hall on Saturdays 27th January and 10th February 2024, 2pm-4.30pm. Cost £70 per couple, to cover resources supplied. Both partners need to be physically present for both sessions. Please notify us if you are hoping to get married in a Catholic church and wish to attend. Normally a six month period is required before a potential wedding ceremony to gather all the necessary paperwork.

Highways and Byways: Discovering Catholic England

Fr Nicholas recently published a new book, which is still available from the parish at the special price of £13 (RRP £15.99).

Parish WhatsApp Group

To join, please send your number to 07949717769.

Sunday Parking Please remember to avoid blocking the BT gates (which are in use 24/7) 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 but poor parking can limit capacity and make life difficult for other church users.

Two single rooms to rent, near Brunel University. Please contact 07754520432.

We try to be as accessible as possible as a parish team. Please remember that we receive a large number of messages every day, and that we are not always at our desks due to pastoral visits, school Masses, meetings, etc. We are also closed on Thursdays and outside of normal working hours. We aim to reply to emails, texts, phone calls, WhatsApp messages, etc within 3 working days.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock from 10th March 2024. £899 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4* Castle-court Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead We are planning a **Day of Recollection**

at Pield Heath School (open to all the Deanery) on Saturday on Saturday **23rd March**, led by the Bible scholar, Fr John Hemer MHM, helping us get ready for Holy Week. Our **Day Pilgrimage** will be to the cathedral city of Chichester (West Sussex) and will take place on Saturday **29th June**. As a whole, the Church is getting ready for the **Jubilee** or Holy Year of 2025. Pope Francis has requested that 'we devote 2024, the year preceding the Jubilee event, to a great "symphony" of prayer. Prayer, above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him.' Watch this space for further details!

Post-COVID We ask that, if you feel unwell, you stay at home. So that everyone feels safe, Holy Communion is normally received on the hand and under one kind.

Most of our services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel (Uxbridge Parish). If you sit in the front two pews by the Sacred Heart or come up for Communion, you may appear on it; please let us know if you have any questions.

Dates for the Diary

14th February Ash Wednesday

17th February Baptism Preparation, 2.30pm

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