



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

2nd Sunday of Advent (B), 10th December 2023

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Parish Diary

Saturday 9th December St Juan Diego
10am Anson & Jiji Antony (wedding ann)
10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration
2pm-4pm First Confessions (church)
5pm Placy D'Souza (RIP)

Sunday 10th December
2nd Sunday of Advent
8am Abin, Elsa & Esther (tx)
9.30am Manuel Mario De Sousa (RIP)
11am Nicholas, Freddie & Shaqe Lumaj (RIP)

Monday 11th December Advent Feria
9am Eugene Reardon (7th Ann)
4pm-6pm First Confessions

Tuesday 12th December
Our Lady of Guadalupe
9.30am Mary B. Keane (RIP)
3pm Eileen Simpson (Funeral at Break-spear Crematorium)
4.45pm RCIA (Zoom)
6pm Ignatian Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday 13th December St Lucy
9.30am William & Terry O'Riley & family (RIP)

Thursday 14th December
St John of the Cross
NO MASS

Friday 15th December Advent Feria
3.30pm-5pm Nursery Form Signing
6pm Giovanna Desiderio (3rd Ann)

Saturday 16th December Advent Feria
10am Amanda Martins (int)
10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration
2.30pm Baptism Preparation (Zoom)
5pm Michael O'Hara (7th Ann)

Sunday 17th December
3rd Sunday of Advent, Gaudete
8am Lucie & Richard Sweeney (RIP)
9.30am Kathleen Fenlon (9th Ann)
11am Goes & D'Souza families (RIP)
Blessing of cribs at all Masses

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

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for Adrian Martins, int (Bl Sac) & Holy Souls (Our Lady)

Christmas 2023 Please collect the Christmas schedules, with all the times of services over the festive season. Please note especially:

Saturday 23rd December—no morning Mass/confessions; 5pm Mass
Sunday 24th December (4th Sunday of Advent) - Masses for the Sunday at 8am and 10am; Christmas Vigil Mass at 4pm, with 'Living Nativity'; Carols and Readings at 10.30pm and Mass at 11pm, ending at midnight.

Monday 25th December (Christmas Day) - Masses at 8am, 9.30am & 11am (No evening Mass)

Full details are on the schedule!

Candlelit 'Rorate' Mass This popular Advent Mass will take place this year on Tuesday 19th December at 7.30am. There will be coffee and bacon rolls available in the hall afterwards!

Next Sunday we will be blessing cribs (and especially the figure of the Christ child) at the end of Mass, as we get ready for Christmas. Why not bring yours along (or take a look at our stock in the repository in the church porch)?

First Confessions are being celebrated in the church on Saturday 9th (2pm-4pm) and Monday 11th (4pm-6pm) December. No need to sign up for a slot, simply come to the church at some point between those times. Let us pray for our candidates at this special moment in their faith journey!

John Devine, RIP We were sorry to hear of John's death, at home on Barchester Close, on 21st November, aged 86. He was a longstanding parishioner and used to help with the collection. His Funeral will be celebrated in our church on Friday 22nd December at 12 noon, 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. Next week will be the last session before Christmas!

Baptism Preparation The next sessions are on Saturday 16th December and 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.

Signing of CCPs for Schools Nursery Forms will be signed on 15th December (3.30pm-5pm). Please see the sheets at the back of the church, and make sure you bring your child's baptism certificate and a Mass Attendance Card with at least 6 months of signatures..

Mass Attendance Cards If your child needs a priest's reference (CCP) for a school application over the next year please make sure you are engaging regularly in the life of the parish over the space of a year. We now expect families to be physically attending Mass and Fr Nicholas or Angela sign cards at the end of weekend Masses. Please note that CCPs only need to be signed in the year of application since they expire after 6-12 months.

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.

Parish WhatsApp Group To join, please send your number to 07949717769.

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!

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.

Divine Mercy Advent Reflection is being held at Sacred Heart, Quex Road, Kilburn NW6 4PS on Saturday 10th December, 2.30pm to 5.30pm led by the Marian Fathers. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

Dates for the Diary

15th December Signing of Nursery Forms, 3.30pm-5pm

16th December Baptism Preparation, 2.30pm

19th December Candlelit Rorate Mass, 7.30am

Are you a key holder or new volunteer (since COVID)? - if so, please see Angela after Mass. She has a form to give you!

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:

16th January, 2.30pm — 'Are You Being Served? Reflections on a Political Life', Lord Randall of Uxbridge

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

We try to be as accessible as possible as a parish team. However, we have recently had some people send us messages, expecting an immediate reply within a few hours. 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. Thank you!

Let there be peace on earth: Young Adult Advent Retreat- Come and take time aside with other young adults aged 18-35 this Advent. We will have time to reflect and pray to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Prince of Peace. When: Saturday 16th December 2023, 10.30am-2.30pm. Where: FCJ Spirituality Centre, 32 Phoenix Road, London NW1 1TA (a short walk from London's Euston station). Who: facilitated by Sr Anouska Robinson-Biggin FCJ (The Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) are an International Congregation of Catholic Sisters founded by Marie Madeleine d'Houët in France in 1820). Cost: By Donation. For more information book your place email: bookings.fcjcentre@fcjhouse-somerstown.co.uk

Post-COVID We ask that, if you feel unwell, you stay at home. We will continue to sanitise hands and clean the church. 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.

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