



# Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C), 19th January 2025

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## Parish Diary

**Saturday 18th January** Our Lady

**10am** Flora Silveira (RIP)

*10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration*

*12 noon RCIA*

*3pm Wedding (Bill & Maria Michell)*

*5pm Alex Le Bon (tx)*

**Sunday 19th January**

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**8am** Maria & Zenon Kostenkiw (RIP)

**9.30am** Peter Parsons (int)

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

**Monday 20th January** St Sebastian

**9am** Gonzalo Castellanos (Ann)

*6.30pm Marriage Preparation #1*

**Tuesday 21st January** St Agnes

**9.30am** Policarpo Goes (8th Ann)

*followed by church cleaning*

*6pm Ignatian Prayer (Zoom)*

**Wednesday 22nd January** St Vincent

**9.30am** Holy Souls

**Thursday 23rd January** Feria

NO MASS

**Friday 24th January** St Francis de Sales

**6pm** Donald Reike (RIP)

*6.45pm Parish Rosary (YouTube)*

**Saturday 25th January**

**Conversion of St Paul**

**10am** Monica (int) & Jaime (RIP) Da Costa (wedding ann)

*10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration*

*11.30am Baptism (Zara Bailey)*

*2.30pm-4.45pm Confirmation #1 (hall)*

*5pm Justin family (tx)*

**Sunday 26th January**

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

**8am** Our Lady of Lourdes (tx)

**9.30am** Lucie & Richard Sweeney (RIP)

**11am** Audrey Skinner (8th Ann)

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

***Sanctuary Lamps** burn this week for Darren Martins, int (Bl Sac) & Ray Taylor, int (Our Lady).*

**We welcome** representatives from the Christian Police Association at the 9.30am and 11am Masses this Sunday.

**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 Ruislip. He was found dead in the presbytery at Ruislip on 5th January. His body will be received into Most Sacred Heart church at 4.30pm on Wednesday 29th January, with Mass offered by Bp Jim Curry at 7pm. The Cardinal will celebrate the Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Thursday 30th January, with Fr Joe Ryan preaching. As Dean, Fr Nicholas is coordinating matters in Ruislip during this difficult time. May Fr Sean rest in peace and rise in glory.

**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.

**Confirmation Course** begins next Saturday (25th) in the parish hall at 2.30pm. Candidates are asked to stay on for the 5pm Enrolment Mass and to bring a notebook/journal.

**Uxbridge Local History Society** meets at Christ Church, Redford Way—on 21st January, 2.30pm Barbara Fisher 'Tales from an Old Hack—Life as a Local Reporter'; 18th February, 7.30pm Mike Payne, 'History of Pinewood' All are welcome—members free, £3 for visitors.

### **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.

**First Holy Communion** The next sessions are on 1st February and 1st March at 3.30pm.

**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.

**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)

**Talks at Allen Hall** To celebrate the Jubilee Year and the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, the Diocesan Seminary is hosting a series of talks at 3pm, followed by an optional tour of the seminary (where Fr Nicholas starts teaching once again this Monday) and evening prayer: Saturday 22nd March: 'Consubstantial with the Father – Christ our Hope'; Saturday 7th June: The Holy Spirit – 'Taste and Dynamism of Hope'. To reserve a place for the talks, kindly email Monica on [parector@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:parector@rcdow.org.uk) by the Wednesday before each talk. All welcome.

**Annual Mass for Matrimony** will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on Saturday 17th May at 2.30pm for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries such as 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+. Please let us know if you are interested in attending this very popular celebration.

**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

### **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

### **Jubilee Year 2025**



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