



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

1st Sunday of Lent (C), 9th March 2025

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Parish Diary

Saturday 8th March Lent Feria

10am Sean McShera & Una O'Keeffe (int)

10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration

12 noon RCIA class (church)

1.30pm Baptism (Daniella Rebello)

3.30pm First Communion #7 (hall)

5pm Teresa Beck (RIP)

Sunday 9th March

1st Sunday of Lent

8am O'Hara family (int)

9.30am Jessie & James Harte (int)

11am Emilia Ashenuga (5th Ann)

Monday 10th March

Lent Feria

9am Padraic & David Lee (int)

Tuesday 11th March

Lent Feria

9.30am Paul Doherty (3rd Ann)

6pm Ignatian Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday 12th March

Lent Feria

9.30am McManus family (int)

Thursday 13th March

Lent Feria

NO MASS

Friday 14th March

Lent Feria

6pm Thomas Myers (int)

6.25pm Stations of the Cross

7pm Parish Rosary (YouTube)

Saturday 15th March

Lent Feria

NO 10AM MASS/CONFESSIONS

5pm Eileen Grant & family (int)

Sunday 16th March

2nd Sunday of Lent

8am John O'Connor (RIP)

9.30am Seren Elise Macky-Thomas (tx)

11am Jovina Morais (Ann)

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

Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for Peace (Blessed Sacrament) and Holy Souls (Our Lady).

Please note there is no 10am Mass and Confessions/Adoration next Saturday (15th) since we are taking our 61 Confirmation candidates to Flame, the Catholic youth celebration at Wembley Arena. Our group is in fact the largest from the diocese; the event is attended by young people from all over England and Wales.

Lent 2025: Ideas for Prayer and Almsgiving

Deanery Day of Recollection We welcome back the Biblical scholar, Fr John Hemer, who will be looking at the accounts of the Risen Jesus in the Gospels. This day of talks, Mass, adoration and confessions takes place at Pield Heath House School on Saturday 29th March, 9.30am-3pm. Please RSVP on uxbridge@rcdow.org.uk or see Angela.

Living Way of the Cross will be enacted in our church at 6.30pm on Saturday 22nd March. This is being organised by a group at SS Michael and Martin's church, Hounslow, who have been performing this ceremony in different parishes for the last 15 years. Their aim is to provide a moving, dramatic and vivid production of Jesus' betrayal, trial and crucifixion. There is no cost—all are welcome!

Friday evenings in Lent Please come along to Stations of the Cross after the 6pm Mass (at 6.25pm) and/or tune in to Parish Rosary on YouTube at 7pm.

Ignatian Prayer Group on Tuesdays at 6pm is currently following a guided Lenten resource for prayer this Jubilee Year, *We Dare to Hope*. Please contact Angela for the Zoom link if you'd like to join.

Check out our parish website for online Stations of the Cross and Lenten reflections

Borrow a spiritual book from our parish library (choir loft)

Do you have unwanted spectacles? Please put them in the box on the table at the back of the church for charity.

Mary's Meals are continuing to collect unwanted jewellery, watches, mobiles, cameras, SatNavs, iPods, MP3 players, tablet computers (NOT laptops), as well foreign/old currency and stamps. Please don't include cables and clear any data off devices. Items can be placed in the box in the porch.

Parking Please remember that cars should not park on the double yellow lines on the dual carriageway (Oxford Road). We encourage car-users to come to Mass in good time, park sensibly and maximise the space that we have, including the area in front of the presbytery. If there is no space for parking, then please use alternative options in the town centre.

Parish WhatsApp Group

To join, please send your number to 07949717769.

Sunday Lunch for Seniors

next takes place on Sunday 30th March, 12.30pm-2.30pm in the hall. Why not come along?

Hospital Volunteers Would you like be Good News to patients and families in hospital? Our Chaplaincy needs local Catholics 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.

Hillingdon Inter-Faith Network aims to promote religious harmony in the area through greater understanding. The committee are looking for a RC representative—if you are interested, please see Fr Nicholas/Angela.

Pilgrimage to Megjugorje and Split led by Fr Jim Mulligan of Harefield—4th-11th September, £790 (plus £120 single room supplement). Please contact Mo Lynn (St. Peter's Pilgrimages) 0203 773 5115 / 0780 737 5061 office@stpeterspilgrimages.com

Jobs with the Diocese of Westminster If you are interested in working with the church, visit

www.jobs.rcdow.org.uk

St Bernadette Catholic Primary School

has some Nursery spaces left for the September 2025 intake. If you have a child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, we have full time (5 days a week, 8.30-3.15pm) and part time (5 mornings, 8.30-11.30am or afternoons 12.15-3.15pm) places available. We are holding open afternoons in our Nursery on Thursday 20th and Wednesday 26th March from 3.20pm-4pm. Please contact our school office on 01895 232298 or email admissions@stbernadetteschool.co.uk for an application form and to register your interest for one of the open afternoons.

Mass for Bereaved Parents will be celebrated at Westminster Cathedral by Bishop Paul McAleenan on Saturday 5th April at 2pm. All are welcome.

Uxbridge Local History Society meets at Christ Church, Redford Way. Upcoming talks: 18th March, 7.30pm Ken & Pam Pearce, 'Unusual

Local Happenings'; 15th April, 7.30pm, Tony Mitchell, 'Vanished Pubs of Uxbridge' (with AGM); 20th May, 7.30pm, Fr Nicholas Schofield, 'Uxbridge and the English Civil War.' All are welcome—members free, £3 for visitors.

Caritas Social Action Network is conducting a survey on the lived experiences of Catholic families in England and Wales, especially the impact of the two-child benefit cap and the broader effects of the current economic climate. The survey is available at the following link: csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey, and it will close on 25th March.

The Great Warning is being shown at Ruislip Cineworld on 2nd April at 6.30pm; this is a documentary focussing both on the effects of sin and God's mercy, and the way God's grace can enter our lives. Tickets can be purchased through a google search or fanforce.

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

Deanery Day of Recollection 29th March, 9.30am-3pm

Baptism Preparation Session 5th April, 2.30pm

Visit of Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe 23rd-25th May

Day Pilgrimage to Worcester 5th July

Jubilee Year 2025



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