



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B), 14th January 2024

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Parish Diary

Saturday 13th January Our Lady
10am Margaret O'Brien (97th b'day RIP)
10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration
1.30pm Baptism (Kai Dupratt)
5pm Hilary Martins

Sunday 14th January
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
8am John Stanley & family (RIP)
9.30am Eileen Grant & family (int)
11am Peggy, Paddy, William & Oliver
Arundel, & Geraldine Carron (RIP)
followed by teas/coffees

Monday 15th January Feria
9am Felix family (int)

Tuesday 16th January Feria
9.30am Anne Campbell (int)
4.45pm RCIA (Zoom)
6pm Ignatian Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday 17th January Feria
9.30am Holy Souls
followed by church/hall cleaning

Thursday 18th January Feria
NO MASS

Friday 19th January St Wulstan
6pm Bridget Lee (int)

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 Martins

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

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for
Amanda Martins, int (Bl Sac) & Our Parish
Volunteers (Our Lady)

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

Many thanks to all of you for the generous greetings and gifts received over Christmas. Each one was very much appreciated—may God bless you all, Fr Nicholas & Angela
Next 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 in 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. It starts again this week.

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).

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 sessions 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 are 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:

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

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.

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.

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!

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. 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.

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. 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.

Dates for the Diary

14th February Ash Wednesday

17th February Baptism Preparation, 2.30pm

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