



# Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

2nd Sunday of Easter (C), 27th April 2025

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## Parish Diary

**Saturday 26th April** Easter Saturday  
**NO 10AM MASS OR CONFESSIONS**

*11.30am Baptism (Matthew Regalario)*

*1.30pm Baptism (Alice & Esme Greenwood)*

*3.30pm First Communion #9 (hall)*

*5pm Mattie Maher (3rd Ann)*

**Sunday 27th April**

**2nd Sunday of Easter**

*8am Patricia & Kim Clarke & Pat Cornell (int)*

**9.30am** Noel Slevin (Ann)

*11am Manuel De Sousa (6th Ann)*

**Monday 28th April**

**St George (transferred)**

**9am** Desmond Lopes (RIP)

**Tuesday 29th April**

St Catherine of Siena

**9.30am** Dastan Rodrigues (b'day int)

*6pm Ignatian Prayer (Zoom)*

**Wednesday 30th April** St Pius V

**9.30am** Victor D'Souza (Ann)

**Thursday 1st May** St Joseph the Worker

**NO MASS**

**Friday 2nd May** St Athanasius

**6pm** John O'Sullivan & Maureen Powley (Ann)

*6.45pm Parish Rosary (YouTube)*

**Saturday 3rd May** SS Philip & James

**10am** Edwin & Mary De Silva (RIP)

*10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration*

*2.30pm Baptism Preparation (Zoom)*

*3.30pm Baptism (Davey Stokes)*

*5pm Catherine Mary Power (RIP)*

**Sunday 4th May**

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

*8am Lucie Sweeney (3rd Ann)*

**9.30am** Athena Delos Reyes & baby (RIP)

*11am Herbert Rosado (RIP)*

*12.30pm Senior's Lunch/Book swap*

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

*The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for Darren Martins, int (Blessed Sacrament) & Pope Francis, RIP (Our Lady)*

**Pope Francis RIP** Although Pope Francis had been seriously ill and looked very frail when he appeared on Easter Sunday, his death on Easter Monday came as a great shock. His leadership and prophetic voice will be much missed, and it has been touching to receive condolences from local faith and community leaders and to see the flags at our Civic Centre flown at half mast. We give thanks for his ministry and pray for the repose of his soul. We also pray for the Church at this critical time and for the cardinals who will shortly enter conclave to elect his successor. Our archbishop, Cardinal Vincent, writes: 'The death of Pope Francis brings great sadness to so many around the world, among Catholics, other Christians and in society in general. A voice proclaiming the innate dignity of every human being, especially those who are poor or marginalised, is now silent. The legacy he leaves is one we must seek to carry forward and strengthen. Pope Francis was called to priesthood through his experience of the mercy and compassion of God. This remained the core of his ministry, as Priest, Bishop and Pontiff. Only in understanding the love and mercy of God towards each one of us can we fashion societies and communities that bear the mark of the 'kingdom of God'. This same focus and emphasis lay at this desire to see membership of the Church as being rooted in 'missionary discipleship', a dynamic and powerful vision for every Christian and every community. Now we pray for the repose of his soul, that he may know, in full measure, the merciful and loving embrace of the Father, of the one God to whom he gave his life in unstinting service.'

**Houseplants** Many thanks to all those who lent houseplants for the Garden of Repose on Maundy Thursday. There are still some to be collected from the hall—please don't forget!

**Ignatian Prayer Group** takes place on Tuesdays at 6pm. Please contact Angela for the Zoom link if you'd like to join.

**Parish Rosary** meets on YouTube every Friday at 6.45pm—why not join us?

**Senior's Lunch** next takes place at 12.30pm in the hall on Sunday 4th May—why not join us? Beforehand we will have our second **One Book Kindness Exchange**—please bring a book you enjoyed to exchange for another recommendation!

### **Parish WhatsApp Group**

To join, please send your number to 07949717769.

**Children's Liturgy** meets again this Sunday during the 9.30am Mass.

### **St Mary's RC School**

**Nursery Spaces** are available for September 2025, 15 or 30 hours a week. Please contact the school office on 01895 232814 or office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

**New Planned Giving Envelopes** for this tax year are now available—please see Angela to collect yours.

**New Reader's Rota** is now available to collect from the rack by the sacristy.

### **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)

### **Uxbridge Local History Society**

meets at Christ Church, Redford Way. Upcoming talk: 20th May, 7.30pm, Fr Nicholas Schofield, 'Uxbridge and the English Civil War.' All are welcome—members free, £3 for visitors.

**Learn to Pray Day** held at Our Lady of Fatima, White City, 10am-5pm on Saturday 10 May. This will be led by Andre Regnier of Catholic Christian Outreach from Canada, to help you discover how to have a personal prayer time, one that deepens your relationship with Jesus. Are you ready to discover and explore the components of a fruitful prayer life?

### **Rediscover Your Marriage**

Retrouvaille offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. There is no group therapy or group work. The next programme begins with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City 20-22 June. Call/text: 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 email: [retrouvail-leukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvail-leukinfo@gmail.com) or visit: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**'Reading the Final Synod Document Together'** Join the Agency for Evangelisation to explore the Final Synod document each Wednesday 7.30-8.30pm, 21 May to 25 June. For more information and to book, email: [evangelisation@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:evangelisation@rcdow.org.uk)

**Point to Ponder:** 'This is the message of Easter: we must look for him elsewhere. Christ is risen, he is alive! He is no longer a prisoner of death, he is no longer wrapped in the shroud, and therefore we cannot confine him to a fairy tale, we cannot make him a hero of the ancient world, or think of him as a statue in a museum! On the contrary, we must look for him and this is why we cannot remain stationary. We must take action, set out to look for him: look for him in life, look for him in the faces of our brothers and sisters, look for him in everyday business, look for him everywhere except in the tomb.' (Pope Francis, from his Easter homily last week)

**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**

**Baptism Preparation Sessions** 3rd May & 28th June, 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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