



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

2nd Sunday of Lent (B), 25th February 2024

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Parish Diary

Saturday 24th February Lent Feria

10am Mary Lee (Ann)

10.30am-11am Adoration/Confessions

11.30pm Baptism (Roshaun John)

3.30pm First Communion class #7 (hall)

5pm Juliet Chandna (RIP)

Sunday 25th February Lent II

8am Shirley Knight & family (RIP)

9.30am Holy Souls

11am Emilia Ashenuga (4th Ann)

Monday 26th February Lent Feria

9am Geoff Allan (1st Ann)

Tuesday 27th February Lent Feria

9.30am Con O'Brien (97th b'day RIP)

6pm Ignatian Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday 28th February Lent Feria

9.30am Holy Souls

Thursday 29th February NO MASS

Friday 1st March St David

NO MASS/STATIONS/ROSARY

Saturday 2nd March Lent Feria

NO MORNING MASS/CONFESSIONS

5pm Roberto Brandoni (2nd Ann)

Sunday 3rd March Lent III

8am Tim Murphy (4th Ann)

9.30am Clarice D'Costa (b'day int)

11am Jim & Josie Keogh (Ann)

Monday 4th March Lent Feria

9am Tim Murphy (4th Ann)

Tuesday 5th March Lent Feria

9.30am St Lucy (tx)

6pm Ignatian Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday 6th March Lent Feria

8.45am Holy Souls

Thursday 7th March Lent Feria

NO MASS

Friday 8th March Lent Feria

6pm Ophilda D'Sousa (7th Ann)

followed by Stations of the Cross

7.15pm Rosary (YouTube)

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

Sanctuary Lamps burn for World Peace (Blessed Sacrament) and The Poor & Hungry (Our Lady).

Lent 2024

- Our parish website has its own Lent page, with videos and useful links. Have a look!
- Why not consider joining our Tuesday Ignatian Prayer Group on Zoom, which will be using a book called *A Word for Lent* (let us know if you'd like the link).
- **World Day of Prayer** takes place on Friday 1st March, prepared this year by the Christian women of Palestine. The service takes place at 2pm at St Margaret's Church, Windsor St. All are welcome; refreshments afterwards will be provided by Palestinian women.
- **Deanery Day of Recollection** this year takes place on Saturday 23rd March, 9.30am-3pm, at Field Heath School. The Scripture scholar, Fr John Hemer, will be helping us prepare for Holy Week. The day consists of three talks, Mass and adoration/confessions. Please let us know if you would like to come. It's free, but donations can be made to cover costs on the day.

Please note there is **no** Mass, Stations of the Cross or Rosary this Friday (1st) and **no** 10am Mass or Confessions/Adoration this Saturday (2nd). We are grateful to Fr Joe Ryan for celebrating Masses next weekend. **Mass on Wednesday 6th March** will be at **8.45am**,

Thank you to all those who responded so positively to our recent planned giving drive. We had a successful response: 44 new planned giving envelope givers; 15 new standing orders (there may be more), and 64 new gift aid forms, which have been posted to the diocese. It's still not too late to get involved; speak to us after Mass!

'How faith may comfort mourners' This interfaith panel discussion, with Fr Nicholas, Rabbi Eryn London and Aditya Maharaj (a Hindu speaker), in the presence of the Mayor of Hillingdon, will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th March at The Ark Synagogue, Oaklands Gate, Northwood HA6 3AA. All are welcome but pre-booking essential; please contact Sharon Goldstein sgoldstein@tovmod.co.uk (07527837807) before 4th March. Please do come along!

Mary's Meals are collecting leftover foreign currency and UK coins/notes that are no longer legal tender. Please take an envelope home with you and return it to us, or alternatively place it in an envelope marked 'Mary's Meals'. Your donation will give desperately hungry children hope for the future.

Church/Hall Cleaning takes place this Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass—any help, as always, is much appreciated

We are now on TikTok!

Join our parish community to keep in touch and be inspired @uxbridgecatholic

Parish WhatsApp Group

To join, please send your number to 07949717769.

Children's Liturgy is back this Sunday after half-term.

Baptism Preparation The next sessions are on Saturday 16th March and 13th April (2.30pm). Please contact us if you would like your baby/toddler baptised.

Uxbridge Local History Society Forthcoming talks are: 19th March 'The Railways of Uxbridge,' Ken Pearce 16th April, 'The Story of Ick-enham', Tony Mitchell 21st May, 'Prehistoric Ux-bridge', Dr Samantha Brum-mage

Meetings take place at 7.30pm 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.

One Hillingdon Worship Night, a special ecumenical event tailored specifically for the youth in our area, is set to take place on Saturday 2nd March, 6.30pm to 8pm, at St Margaret's C of E Church, Uxbridge. All are welcome.

School Admissions For enquiries please contact the school office directly. Details about St Mary's can be found on the school website:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/>

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.

Annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated by Cardinal Vincent at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 25th May at 2.30pm. If you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year and would like to attend, please see Angela and we can organise an invitation to be sent for this popular occasion.

Jobs with the Diocese of Westminster If you are interested in working with the church, please visit www.jobs.rcdow.org.uk

Ask your MP to support the abortion time limit reduction amendment from 24 weeks to 22 weeks. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks can survive outside the womb. Collect a postcard from the back of the church and post it to your MP!

Post-COVID We ask that, if you feel unwell, you stay at home. 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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Dates for the Diary

1st March World Day of Prayer led by women (St Margarets)

23rd March Day Retreat with Fr John Hemer MHM

29th June Day Pilgrimage to Chichester

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