



# Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

3rd Sunday of Advent Gaudete (C), 15th December 2024

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## Parish Diary

### Saturday 14th December

St John of the Cross

**10am** Vincent Goes (b'day int)

*10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration*

*11.30am Baptism (Zuri Hibbert)*

*12.30pm Baptism Prep (Zoom)*

*2-4pm Confirmation enrolment (church)*

5pm D'Souza family (tx)

*6pm Talk: The Church against Hitler & Mussolini (hall)*

### Sunday 15th December

#### 3rd Sunday of Advent *Gaudete* (C)

8am Andzej Wywijas (RIP)

**9.30am** Joe Remy De Souza (25th Ann)

11am Janet Odero (RIP)

### Monday 16th December Advent Feria

**9am** Philomena MacMullen (Ann)

### Tuesday 17th December Advent Feria

**9.30am** Amanda Martins (int)

*4pm St Mary's School Carol Service*

*6pm Ignatian Prayer (Zoom)*

### Wednesday 18th December Adv Feria

**7am** Candlelit Rorate Mass (Holy Souls)

*2pm Funeral (Mary Worley, RIP—at St Paul's, Harefield)*

### Thursday 19th December Adv Feria

NO MASS

### Friday 20th December Advent Feria

**6pm** Angela St John (Ann)

*6.45pm Parish Rosary (YouTube)*

### Saturday 21st December Adv Feria

**10am** Christina D'Sa (b'day RIP)

*10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration*

*11.30am Living Nativity rehearsal*

*1.30pm Baptism (Euan Bautista)*

*4pm-4.45pm Confessions*

5pm Private intention

### Sunday 22nd December

#### 4th Sunday of Advent (C)

8am Reg Wells (15th Ann)

**9.30am** Jose Kunjuvareed (tx)

11am Alice Collins (RIP)

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

**Sanctuary Lamps** burn this week for *Marina Martins, int (Bl Sac) & Claris D'Costa, int (Our Lady).*

**Candlelit Rorate Mass** takes place this Wednesday (18th) at 7am. The church will open at 6.45am. Afterwards there will be refreshments (bacon rolls/toast and tea/coffee) in the hall. Please do come along to this very special Mass.

**This Sunday** there will be a fire briefing at all Masses.

**This week** is a very busy one as we come to the end of Advent. We have school Masses at St Mary's and Field Heath, two days of visiting the sick and housebound around our parish, a funeral, a candlelit Mass, a school carol service (on Tuesday at 4pm) and the installation of a new electric organ in the choir loft, plus all our usual services and groups. Apologies if we take longer to answer any messages!

**Confirmation Enrolment** occurs this Saturday (14th December), 2pm-4pm - please bring along your completed application form and baptism certificate. The course is now closed and we look forward to starting in the New Year!

## Keeping Advent

- Check out the Advent page on our website—[www.catholicchurchuxbridge.org.uk/advent](http://www.catholicchurchuxbridge.org.uk/advent)
- If you are sending Christmas cards, please try to use religious-themed ones. One of the Royal Mail stamps this year features Westminster Cathedral!
- Use a religious Advent Calendar or Candle (see our repository for a full range of items)
- Fr Nicholas will be giving his last church history talk on Saturday 14th December at 6pm in the parish hall: The Church against Hitler and Mussolini

**St Mary's School Nursery** is now offering extended 30-hour provision from 3 years old, creating more flexibility and opportunity for our families. If you, or anyone you know, has little ones ready to join a warm and nurturing environment that encourages early learning and play, we would love to welcome them to our nursery family. We also offer am or pm sessions too. Please contact the school directly on 01895 232 814. We welcome visits to the school and can arrange guided tour days.

**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.

### **Parish WhatsApp Group**

To join, please send your number to 07949717769.

**Sunday Parking** Please avoid blocking the BT gates 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.

**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. Your Parish office can put you in touch, or ring 01895 279433. Thank you, Fr. Jack Creagh, Chaplain

**Nursery School Forms (CCPs)** will be signed at interviews on Fri 10th January 3pm-5.30pm; Sat 11th January, 11.30am-12.30pm. Please make sure you are signing your Mass Attendance Card and have a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

### **Dates for the Diary**

**18th December** Candlelit Rorate Mass, 7am

**Christmas Masses** 4pm, 6pm & 11pm on 24th December; 9.30am & 11am on 25th December

**Baptism Preparation Session** 22nd February, 2.30pm

**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)

### **A Christmas Celebration in Westminster Cathedral**

Tickets are now on sale for this annual concert of carols and readings with the world-famous Westminster Cathedral Choir, orchestra, and celebrity readers, on 18th and 19th December at 7.30pm. Tickets can be purchased directly from [www.ticketmaster.co.uk](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk) (type in Westminster Cathedral when prompted).

### **St Joan of Arc Catholic School, Rickmansworth**

Due to a number of families relocating to other parts of the UK and abroad, we have a few school places available. We are therefore accepting in-year admission applications from parents who may wish for their children to continue their education in a Catholic school. Further details: [www.joa.herts.sch.uk/2045/in-year-admissions](http://www.joa.herts.sch.uk/2045/in-year-admissions)

**Have you thought about training to be a teacher?** As part of the 'plant and seed' initiative, the diocese is funding 7 internships to experi-

ence primary/secondary teaching in summer 2025. £300 a week to cover costs. See <https://education.rcdow.org.uk/working-in-catholic-education/leadership/>

**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

### **Jubilee Year 2025**



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