



# Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A), 5th November 2023

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## Parish Diary

### Saturday 4th November

St Charles Borromeo

**10am** Margaret Sullivan & family (int)

*10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration*

*11.30am Baptisms (Elijah & Ezekiel  
Dsouza)*

*3.30pm First Communion Class #2 (hall)*

5pm Estelita Dalinoc (RIP)

### Sunday 5th November, 31st Sunday

8am Bernard Sweeney (RIP)

**9.30am** Richard & Nelinda Macailing  
(RIP)

11am Holy Souls

### Monday 6th November Feria

**9am** Bridget Lee (int)

*7pm Talk in hall—Crown and Treaty*

### Tuesday 7th November St Willibrord

9.30am Reginald D'Souza (RIP)

*4.45pm RCIA (Zoom)*

*6pm Ignatian Prayer (Zoom)*

### Wednesday 8th November Feria

**9.30am** Mary Freda & Edwin De Silva  
(RIP)

### Thursday 9th November

**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

NO MASS

### Friday 10th November St Leo the Great

**6pm** Thresiakutty Kunjuvareed (12th  
Ann)

*7pm Parish Rosary (YouTube)*

### Saturday 11th November St Martin

**10am** Paula Cristina de Sousa Guedes  
(RIP)

*10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration*

*11.30am Reception (Rebecca Godoi)*

*2pm-4pm RCIA Retreat (church)*

5pm Holy Souls

### Sunday 12th November, 32nd Sunday

8am John & Ann Sweeney (RIP)

**9.30am** Chacko family (tx)

*11am Service at Peace Memorial*

11.30am War Dead & Jolanda Zefi (RIP)

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

*The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for  
Peace in Israel & Palestine (Bl Sac) &  
Douglas Hope, int (Our Lady).*

**Next Sunday** is Remembrance Sunday. As usual, we will move the 11am Mass to 11.30am, so that we can gather at the Peace Memorial (at the bottom of Windsor Street) for the Civic Act of Remembrance, which will begin shortly before 11am.

**Talk in our Parish Hall** on Monday (6th November at 7pm). A visiting American historian, Greg Sherwood, who has been researching the 1645 negotiations at Uxbridge for a treaty to end the English Civil War, will be giving a presentation on 'The Jewel of Uxbridge: Unravelling the Lost Origins of the Crown and Treaty.' All are welcome!

**First Holy Communion 2024** The next classes for the children enrolled in the course are on Saturdays 4th and 18th November at 3.30pm in the parish hall. The side door to the hall (which is on the street) opens at 3.15pm and closes at 3.40pm.

**Christmas Gifts for Children in Need** For the third year we are making this important appeal; last year, in conjunction with Hillingdon Social Services, we donated presents to 122 children (ages 0 to 18). We are looking for new or nearly new gifts, crafts, books, hygiene products, chocolates, wrapping paper, batteries—or money to buy presents. Please drop your contributions off by 30th November—ideally when you come to church (they can be placed in the hall cupboard or church porch). Please do not leave donations outside the presbytery door.

**Children's Liturgy resumes this weekend** at the 9.30am Sunday.

**Baptism Preparation** The next sessions are on Saturdays 18th November (1.30pm) and 16th December (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.

**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.

**Douay Martyrs School** Thanks to all those who have brought in jars of jam, honey or hot chocolate for the Breakfast Club, which provides breakfasts to pupils in need. You can see the donations in front of the Lady altar; they will be collected on Monday. A £150 donation has also been made for the Douay Lunch Club.

**Students from Hayes College** will be coming to the church hall on Wednesday 15th November between 11am and 2pm to give head/neck massages. This is open to men and women; please see Fr Nicholas or Angela to make an appointment and wear a top or shirt on the day that can be easily unbuttoned.

**Are you a key holder or new volunteer** (since COVID)? - if so, please see Angela after Mass. She has a form to give you!

**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!

**Signing of CCPs for Schools** Appointments are now available for reception forms (24th November, 3.30pm-5pm, & 25th November, 11-30am-1pm). Nursery Forms will be signed on 15th December (3.30pm-5pm). Please see the sheets at the back of the church.

**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 over the space of a year. 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.

**Prayers and Gospels of the Christmas Masses** Fr John Deehan, former Dean of Hillingdon, is giving four online talks, focusing on:  
23<sup>rd</sup> November: The Vigil Mass  
30<sup>th</sup> November: The Night Mass  
7<sup>th</sup> December: The Dawn Mass  
14<sup>th</sup> December: The Day Mass  
The talks are open to all and a donation of £5 is requested per talk. Further details on enquiry. Please register with Warren Brown [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk)

**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.

**Israel-Hamas Conflict** We are all deeply saddened at the escalation of violence in Israel and Gaza and its tragic human toll. The local Catholic bishop has said that 'the many casualties and tragedies, which both Palestinians and Israeli families have to deal with, will create more hatred and division, and will destroy more and more any perspective of stability.' Let us pray for peace. For more information about how to help: [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) & [www.friendsoftheholylanland.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylanland.org.uk)

**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:  
21st November, 7.30pm — 'Uxbridge on the Silver Screen: The History of Film & Television in the Borough', Paul McGarrity  
16th January, 2.30pm — 'Are You Being Served? Reflections on a Political Life', Lord Randall of Uxbridge

**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!

**Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch at Douay Martyrs School** takes place on 7th December, 2.15pm-4pm. Spaces are limited so please book a place as soon as possible by letting us know that you are interested.

**School Governor** If any of our regular parishioners, who do not currently have children at St Mary's, are interested in becoming a governor, please see Fr Nicholas. There is currently a vacancy.

**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**

**Talk:** 'The Jewel of Uxbridge: Unravelling the Lost Origins of the Crown and Treaty,' Monday 6th November, 7pm.

**School Reception Form Signing**  
24th & 25th November

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