

Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

1st Sunday of Advent (A), 30th November 2025

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Parish Diary

Saturday 29th November Our Lady 10am Crispin Doria Sr (RIP) 10.30am-11am Adoration/Confessions 12 noon RCIA (church) 3.30pm First Communion Class #4 (hall) 5pm Mirah Ayu (b'day int)

Sunday 30th November
1st Sunday of Advent (Year A)
8am Patrick O'Sullivan (b'day int)
9.30am Marsh family (tx)
11am Franco family (RIP & int)

Monday 1st December St Edmund Campion 9am Hannah Daly (RIP)
4pm-6pm Reception Form signing (church)

Tuesday 2nd December Advent Feria **9.30am** Mary O'Brien (RIP) *4pm-6pm Reception Form signing (church) 6pm Ignatian Prayer Group (Zoom)*

Wednesday 3rd December St Francis Xavier 9.30am Richard Onwu (RIP)

Thursday 4th December Advent Feria NO MASS/PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday 5th December Advent Feria 2pm Funeral at Breakspear crematorium (Edward Cauldy, RIP) 4pm-5pm Carol Service rehearsal (church) 6pm Cecilia Violet (1st Ann) 6.45pm Parish Rosary (YouTube)

Saturday 6th December St Nicholas 10am Richard & Lucie Sweeney (RIP) 10.30am Confessions/Adoration 11.30am Baptism (Violet Taylor) 12.30pm Baptism (Diana Panizales Velarde) 2pm-4pm First Confessions 5pm Placy D'Souza (RIP)

Sunday 7th December
2nd Sunday of Advent
8am Nicholas Lumaj (Ann)
9.30am Winston Leeks (RIP)
11am Bronisława Janus (1st Ann)
12 noon Senior's Lunch (with book swap)

Monday 8th December Immaculate Conception 9.30am Holy Souls 4pm-6pm First Confessions 6.30pm Ken Onwu (RIP)

Tuesday 9th December Advent Feria **9.30am** Ian Buchanan (RIP) 6pm Ignatian Prayer Group (Zoom)

Wednesday 10th December Advent Feria 9.30am Gerald Caszo (RIP)

Thursday 11th December Advent Feria NO MASS/PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe NO MASS/PARISH OFFICE CLOSED *4pm-5pm Carol Service rehearsal (church)*

Saturday 13th December St Lucy 10am P J Loftus (b'day RIP) 10.30am-11am Adoration/Confessions 2.30pm Wedding (J. D'Costa - K. Fernandes) 5pm Teresa Pereira (RIP)

Sunday 14th December 3rd Sunday of Advent 8am Breda Morey (RIP) 9.30am Joe Remy De Souza (Ann) 11am Michael Kennedy (8th Ann)

Sanctuary Lamps burn for

From 29th November: Phyllis Flynn, Ann (Bl Sacrament), Joseph Flynn, Ann (Our Lady); From 6th December: Private intention (Bl Sac), Holy Souls (Our Lady)

Services in **bold** are livestreamed on the 'Uxbridge Parish' YouTube channel. If you sit in the front two pews by the Sacred Heart or come up for Communion, you may appear: please let us know if you have concerns.

There will be a **Family Carol Service** in our church on Sunday 20th December at 6.15pm. Young parishioners over the age of 5 are welcome to come to rehearsals; parents are asked to stay with their children. Rehearsals will take place on Friday 5th December, 4pm-5pm (church), and Friday 12th December, 4pm-5pm (church). Please make a note in your diary and come along!

Please note that Mass on Monday 8th December (Immaculate Conception) will be at 9.30am (not 9am). There will also be Mass at 6.30pm that day.

First Confessions We pray for our First Communion children who will be making their First Confession on Saturday 6th December (2pm-4pm) and Monday 8th December (4pm-6pm). Please remember that children and their parents need to come to the church at some point during these times; there is no timed slot as such and it will be first come, first served! Children and their parents can leave after the confession is made. Let us keep them in our prayers.

Parking in front of the Presbytery is always possible if you are using the church or hall. However, we have recently had problems with unauthorised cars using this space and we will sometimes be using our bollards. Please ask us if you wish to park outside of Mass times. Thank you.

Priest References for Schools Reception Forms will be signed 1st and 2nd December, 4pm-6pm, and Nursery Forms on 15th December, 3.30pm-6pm. Appointment times for Reception forms are now available on the sheet at the back of the church. Make sure you bring a copy to your child's baptism certificate. **Christmas Mass Times Weds 24th December**

(Christmas Eve): 4pm (with Living Nativity), 6pm, 11pm (with Carols & Readings from 10.30pm).

Thurs 25th December (Christmas Day): 9.30am & 11am only

Fri 26th December: No Mass Sat 27th December: 5pm (Vigil) only

Sun 28th December: 8am, 9.30am & 11am.

Full Christmas schedules are now available from the porch.

Caroling with the Salvation Army Why not join the carol singers outside Uxbridge Station on Saturday 6th December, 11am to 12 noon.

Marriage Preparation

Course takes place in our parish hall on Saturdays 24th and 31st January, 2pm-4.30pm. Both sessions must be attended and both partners need to be present. Cost: £80 per couple, to cover resources supplied. Please let us know if you would like to attend.

Marriage Paperwork If you are planning to get married in a Catholic church, please remember to see the priest of the parish where you live 6 months before the proposed marriage date, even if you are getting married elsewhere.

Parish WhatsApp Group To join, please send your number to 07949717769.

Douay Martyrs School Christmas Lunch for Seniors takes place on 12th December 2pm-4.30pm. Please let us know if you would like your name on the list; you would need to make your own way there.

Advent Poem by John Birch

The Advent story
of hope and mystery,
anticipation,
preparation,
a kingdom
of this world and the next,
and a king
appearing when we least
expect.

Heaven touching earth, the footsteps of the divine walking dusty roads as once they did in Eden, and a people, searching for a Saviour, and walking past the stable.

Open eyes and hearts, that this might be an Advent of hope to the world.

Candlelit Rorate Mass 16th December, 7am

Baptism Preparation Session 20th December, 10th January, 2.30pm

Living Nativity Rehearsal (for the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass), 20th December, 11.30am (church)



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