



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C), 23rd January 2022

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Parish Diary

Saturday 22nd January

Sat Commemoration of Our Lady

10am Thomas Myers (int)

10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration

1.30pm Baptism (Aiden O'Sullivan)

2.30pm Baptism Preparation (Zoom)

5pm Michael & Norrie Golden (RIP)

Sunday 23rd January

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am John Ward (2nd Ann)

9.30am Teresa Talbot (int)

11am Audrey Skinner (RIP)

Monday 24th January

St Francis de Sales

9am Pablo Sole Canales (RIP)

Tuesday 25th January

Conversion of St Paul

9.30am Joel Luis & Wilma Pereira (5th wedding ann)

11am, Baptism (Luis Lacey)

6pm Ignatian Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday 26th January

SS Timothy & Titus

9.30am Keith D'Souza (b'day int)

Thursday 27th January

St Angela Merici

NO MASS

Friday 28th January

St Thomas Aquinas

6pm Leonard Pawlukiewicz (RIP)

7pm Parish Rosary (YouTube)

Saturday 29th January

Sat Commemoration of Our Lady

10am Damien Walsh (int)

10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration

2pm-4.30pm Wedding Preparation #1

5pm Holy Souls

Sunday 30th January

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Brenda Cronin (8th Ann)

9.30am Kathy Byrne (RIP)

11am Tadeusz Brzychczy (RIP)

The Lamps burn this week for Private intention (Bl Sac) & Chandna family, int (Our Lady)

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

Sunday Readings: Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-14, 27; Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21. Response: Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

The Synod—Thank you for all your generosity in taking part in the Synod process. We had 117 responses, including 59 paper questionnaires and 37 online responses, which is especially impressive given that much of this took place over Advent and Christmas! There were lots of useful reflections and suggestions, which we have now fed back to the diocese. We will share the feedback with you soon and keep you updated as the Synod moves forward.

Current COVID Restrictions: Although the government is lifting some restrictions on Thursday, it is strongly recommended that masks are worn 'in crowded and indoor spaces where you may come into contact with people you do not normally meet.' Therefore, just as before Plan B, we ask that **masks are continued to be worn inside the church**, unless there is a genuine exemption, for everyone's safety. We encourage you to use the QR code, displayed in the porch, as part of the NHS Track and Trace programme. We will **sanitise** your hands on arrival and **clean the church** after each service. Please follow the instructions for the Communion procession. Holy Communion is distributed for hygienic reasons, on the hand. The toilets remain closed. We hope that over the coming months we will be able to increasingly return to normality in the church.

Fr Nicholas begins lecturing in modern church history (1789-1962) at Allen Hall Seminary, Chelsea this Monday. He is joining the faculty at Mater Ecclesiae College, part of St Mary's University, Twickenham. The course extends to May so Monday Mass times will be moved to 9am from 24th, until his teaching commitments are over. Many thanks!

New St Michael Statue Work is currently progressing, though delayed by the sculptor's recent poor health. It is hoped it will be ready in March—watch this space!

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.

Infant Baptism Preparation Sessions next takes place on 26th February and 26th March (both at 2.30pm). One session needs to be attended by parents.

Marriage Preparation Course If you are planning to get married next year and wish to join our preparation course please contact us as soon as possible. Both sessions on 29th January and 12th February, 2pm to 4.30pm, must be attended by couples.

Ignatian Prayer Group meets for 45 minutes on Tuesdays via Zoom at 6pm. Please email for a link if you would like to join.

New Mass Attendance Cards If your child needs a priest's reference (CCP) for a school (Nursery, Reception or Year 7 application) later this year, please make sure you are engaging regularly in the life of the parish over the space of a year. Your week-by-week practice can be written on a Church Attendance Card. There are now new cards for you to collect.

Parish WhatsApp Group. If you have not joined, please send your number to 07949717769.

Dates for the Diary

Marriage Preparation Course 29th January & 12th February 2022, 2pm-4.30pm (booking essential)

Lenten Deanery Day of Recollection at Field Heath School, Saturday 26th March—Special Guest Speakers Barry & Margaret Mizen

'The New Testament for the Perplexed' – series of online talks by Fr John Deehan, formerly Area Dean of Hillingdon, on Thursdays 27th January, 3rd and 10th February, 7pm. Please book by Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-god-who-speaks-the-new-testament-for-the-perplexed-tickets-221344626737> or contact Anna at annadupel-ycz@rcdow.org.uk

The God Who Speaks Scripture Festival organised by our Agency for Evangelisation takes place in the beautiful setting of St Albans Cathedral, 3rd to 5th February. There will be a wide range of activities and events, including a performance at 11am on 5th February by Steve Murray-Hanson from Behold Ministry—visit <https://rcdow.org.uk/scripturefestival/> for more information or [@ScriptureFestival](https://www.instagram.com/ScriptureFestival) (Instagram) or [@TheGodWhoSpeaksScriptureFestival](https://www.facebook.com/TheGodWhoSpeaksScriptureFestival) (Facebook).

World Day of Prayer Led by Women, Friday 4th March (Christ Church)



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Point to Ponder: ‘Now let us imagine that we too enter the synagogue of Nazareth, the village where Jesus has grown up, until he is about 30 years old. What happens is an important event, which delineates Jesus’ mission. He stands up to read the Sacred Scripture. He opens the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah and takes up the passage where it is written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor” (Lk 4:18)...Evangelizing the poor: this is Jesus’ mission. According to what he says, this is also the mission of the Church, and of every person baptized in the Church. Being a Christian is the same thing as being a missionary. Proclaiming the Gospel with one’s word, and even before, with one’s life, is the primary aim of the Christian community and of each of its members. It is noted here that Jesus addresses the Good News to all, excluding no one, indeed favouring those who are distant, suffering sick, cast out by society.’ (Pope Francis)

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