



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A), 19th November 2023

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Parish Diary

Saturday 18th November Our Lady

10am Edwin De Silva (Ann)

10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration

11.30am Baptism (Lily Baracz)

1.30pm Baptism Prep (Zoom)

3.30pm FHC Class#3 (hall)

5pm Private intention with Youth Choir

Sunday 19th November, 33rd Sunday

8am Margaret Kenaly (1st Ann)

9.30am O'Brien family (RIP)

11am Christian Okpara & Clement Ashenuga

Monday 20th November Feria

8.30am Monica Dunton (RIP)

Tuesday 21st November

Presentation of Our Lady

9.30am Good Counsel Network (int)

4.45pm RCIA (Zoom)

6pm Ignatian Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday 22nd November St Cecilia

9.30am Frances & Ken Atkins (RIP)

12 noon Jim Maguire, RIP (Funeral)

Thursday 23rd November Feria

NO MASS

Friday 25th November

St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

11am Nina Nwanko, RIP (Funeral)

3.30pm-5pm Reception Form Signing

6pm Irena & Leon Salata & family (RIP)

7pm Parish Rosary (YouTube)

Saturday 26th November St Catherine

10am Gerry Keane (RIP)

10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration

11.30am-1pm Reception Form Signing

3.30pm FHC Class#4 (hall)

5pm Michael Toher (1st Ann)

Sunday 27th November

Christ the King

8am Bridie McNulty (RIP)

9.30am Doreen Balsdon (7th Ann)

11am Leonora Bridgeman (8th Ann)

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

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for Peace in the World (Bl Sac) & Holy Soul (Our Lady).

This Monday Mass will be at the earlier time of 8.30am since Fr Nicholas and Angela are attending the funeral of a former parishioner, Dick Ovey, in Henley. May he rest in peace.

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. Volunteers are needed to wrap gifts in the hall on the next two Mondays (20th and 27th), 6.30pm-9pm.

Jim Maguire RIP We were sad to hear of Jim's death, on 1st November, aged 92. He has been a parishioner here for many years and a regular attender at Mass, along with Shirley. His Funeral will be celebrated in the church on Wednesday 22nd November at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Breakspear at 1.45pm. May he rest in peace.

First Holy Communion 2024 The next classes for the children enrolled in the course are on Saturdays 18th and 25th 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.

Children's Liturgy takes place at the 9.30am Sunday for children of school age.

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. Please note there is no preparation session in January.

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, and make sure you bring your child's baptism certificate and a Mass Attendance Card with at least 6 months of signatures..

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.

This week is Interfaith Week. Local events include a Peace Forum Dialogue led by the Quakers and Ahmadiyya on Sunday 19th November, 12 noon-3pm, at the Quaker Meeting House in Uxbridge; a **Mayor's Civic Covenant Service** at St Margaret's church on **Monday (20th November) at 2pm**, and an Interfaith Food Fair at Sant Niranankari Satsang Bhawan, Sipson Lane, Hayes UB3 5EU, 1pm-4pm. All are welcome as we build links between our communities.

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!

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.

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.

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.

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

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!

Let there be peace on earth: Young Adult Advent Retreat—Come and take time aside with other young adults aged 18-35 this Advent. We will have time to reflect and pray to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Prince of Peace. When: Saturday 16th December 2023, 10.30am-2.30pm. Where: FCJ Spirituality Centre, 32 Phoenix Road, London NW1 1TA (a short walk from London's Euston station). Who: facilitated by Sr Anouska Robinson-Biggin FCJ (The Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) are an International Congregation of Catholic Sisters founded by Marie Madeleine d'Houët in France in 1820). Cost: By Donation. For more information book your place email: bookings.fcjcentre@fcjhouse-somerstown.co.uk

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 on Filming Locations in Uxbridge, at Christ Church, 21st November, 7.30pm

School Reception Form Signing
24th & 25th November

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