



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A), 12th November 2023

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Parish Diary

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)

Monday 13th November Feria

9am Geraldine Flynn (6th Ann)

Tuesday 14th November Feria

9.30am Forgotten Holy Souls

4.45pm RCIA (Zoom)

6pm Ignatian Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday 15th November St Albert

9.30am Stan Martins (RIP)

followed by church/hall cleaning

11am-2pm Massage Sessions (hall)

Thursday 16th November St Edmund

NO MASS

Friday 17th November St Hilda

12 noon Mandy Campbell (Funeral at the crematorium)

6pm Frances & Ken Atkins (Ann)

& Kuba Batog (10th Ann)

7pm Parish Rosary (YouTube)

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

*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 Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. As usual, the 11am Mass is moved 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.

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 three Mondays (13th, 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.

Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Dick Ovey RIP We were shocked and saddened to hear of Dick's sudden and unexpected death on 27th October, aged 56. He was posted away from Uxbridge in 2016 and, together with Pippa and Richard, were very much part of our parish community. We particularly remember him this weekend since he played the Last Post at our Remembrance Day Requiem for several years. We send our love and thoughts to Pippa and Richard.

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.

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.

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.

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 Nirankari 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!

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.

Dates for the Diary

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

School Reception Form Signing
24th & 25th November

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!

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.

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