

Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C), 26th January 2025

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Parish Diary

Saturday 25th January Conversion of St Paul

10am Monica (int) & Jaime (RIP) Da Costa (wedding ann) 10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration 11.30am Baptism (Zara Bailey) 2.30pm-4.45pm Confirmation #1 (hall) 5pm Justin family (tx) with enrolment of confirmation candidates

Sunday 26th January, 3rd Sunday (C) 8am Our Lady of Lourdes (tx) 9.30am Lucie & Richard Sweeney (RIP) 11am Audrey Skinner (8th Ann)

Monday 27th—Thursday 30th January NO MASSES/OFFICE CLOSED

Friday 31st January St John Bosco **6pm** Alex & Natalia D'Souza (Ann) 6.45pm Parish Rosary (YouTube)

Saturday 1st February Our Lady 10am Manju Peter (tx) 10.30am-11am Confessions/Adoration 11.30am Baptism (Noah Gemelli) 1.30pm Baptism (Raya Aquino) 3.30pm First Communion #6 (hall) 5pm Liam Cummins (RIP)

Sunday 2nd February, Candlemas 8am Olga Kostenkiw (int) 9.30am Maxwell Lopes (RIP) 11am Brenda Cronin (Ann) 12.30pm Lunch for Seniors (hall)

Monday 3rd February SS Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore 9am Holy Souls 6.30pm Marriage Prep #2 (hall)

Tuesday 4th February Feria **9.30am** Hilary Martins (RIP) 6pm Ignatian Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday 5th February St Agatha 9.30am Cecillia Violet (RIP)

Thursday 6th February St Paul Miki NO MASS

Friday 7th February Feria 6pm Julio Morales (Ann) 6.45pm Parish Rosary (YouTube)

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

This week there are no Masses between Monday and Thursday and the parish office will be closed. Please note also there will be no 10am Mass/Confessions on Sat 8th February due to our Confirmation retreat day at SPEC Pinner.

Parking Following a meeting with the Council, we have been advised that cars should not park on the double yellow lines on the dual carriageway (Oxford Road), which are on a cycle lane and near the roundabout. Traffic accelerates around the bend and so parking here is potentially dangerous. All other parking arrangements on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings will carry on as usual. We encourage car-users to come to Mass in good time, park sensibly and maximise the space that we have (which is more than some local churches), including the half-moon area in front of the presbytery. If there is absolutely no space for parking, then please use alternative options in the town centre car parks.

Fr Sean Carroll RIP We were deeply saddened to hear of the sudden death of Fr Sean Carroll, Parish Priest of Ruislip. His body will be received into Most Sacred Heart church at 4.30pm on Wednesday 29th January, with Mass offered by Bp Jim Curry at 7pm. The Cardinal will celebrate the Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Thursday 30th January, with Fr Joe Ryan preaching. May Fr Sean rest in peace.

First Holy Communion The next sessions are on 1st February and 1st March at 3.30pm.

London Marathon Quiz Night to raise money for Young Lives vs Cancer will take place in our church hall on Saturday 1st March, 7pm for 7.30pm. £10 per ticket; maximum of 8 per table. Please bring your own food and drink. RSVP to Dan Moss Dan.Moss2@icloud.com

Uxbridge Local History Society meets at Christ Church, Redford Way. Upcoming talks: 18th February, 7.30pm Mike Payne, 'History of Pinewood'; 18th March, 7.30pm Ken & Pam Pearce, 'Unusual Local Happenings'; 15th April, 7.30pm, Tony Mitchell, 'Vanished Pubs of Uxbridge' (with AGM); 20th May, 7.30pm, Fr Nicholas Schofield, 'Uxbridge and the English Civil War.' All are welcome—members free, £3 for visitors.

Accommodation suitable for single professional person available in Hillingdon (Long Lane) area; contact Angela.

Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for Pio and Milena D'Souza (thanksgiving).

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

Mass Intentions are now booked up until April 2025. If you would like to arrange a Mass for a particular intention or anniversary, please see Fr Nicholas at the end of any Mass (rather than email, phone or text). The suggested donation (stipend) for a Mass is £10 or whatever you can afford.

Soup Lunch for Seniors next meets in the hall at 12.30pm on Sundays 2 February and 2 March. If you would like to volunteer to help, please see Angela.

Fr Nicholas and Angela recently attended our local police Safer Neighbourhood
Team meeting. It was recommended that people join Hillingdon Neighbourhood
Watch—this is free, provides regular crime alerts and facilitates local crime prevention-www.hillingdonnhw.co.uk.
Crimes can be reported not only by phone but through the new police.uk app or by visiting www.met.police.uk

Hospital Volunteers Would you like be Good News to patients and families in hospital? Our Chaplaincy needs local Catholics to join our team of Volunteers. You can be a listening ear, a companion in prayer, and share the Eucharist. If interested, please speak to Angela. Thank you.

Jobs with the Diocese of Westminster If you are interested in working with the church, visit www.jobs.rcdow.org.uk

Word on Fire UK Bible Conference (21-22 February) If you want to gain a deeper appreciation of the Bible and the Catholic faith come and join Bishop Robert Barron and thousands of other Catholics from across the UK for this national conference at London's Excel Centre. Tickets are available for the Friday and Saturday or just a day pass for the Saturday. For more information and to register, please visit: wordonfire.org/the-bibleevent.

Talks at Allen Hall To celebrate the Jubilee Year and the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, the Diocesan Seminary is hosting a series of talks at 3pm, followed by an optional tour of the seminary (where Fr Nicholas starts teaching once

again this Monday) and evening prayer: Saturday 22nd March: 'Consubstantial with the Father – Christ our Hope'; Saturday 7th June: The Holy Spirit – 'Taste and Dynamism of Hope'. To reserve a place for the talks, kindly email Monica on parector@rcdow.org.uk by the Wednesday before each talk. All welcome.

Annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on Saturday 17th May at 2.30pm for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Please let us know if you are interested in attending this very popular celebration.

Magic & Music at St Margaret's church on 8th February, 4pm in aid of Joy Goats charity, with live music, games and crafts, and a chance to see our local vicar's magic skills! Tickets on the door, £5 (£2 children).

Most services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel (Uxbridge Parish). If you sit in the front or come up for Communion, you may appear: please let us know if you have concerns.

Dates for the Diary

Our Lady of Lourdes Mass for the Sick 15th February, 12 noon

Baptism Preparation Session 22nd February, 2.30pm

Day Pilgrimage to Worcester 5th July

Jubilee Year 2025



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