



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A), 13th September 2020

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Parish Diary

Masses in bold will be livestreamed

Saturday 12th September

Most Holy Name of Mary

10am John Stanley (int)

4pm-5.30pm Church Open

6pm Pro Populo

Sunday 13th September

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Andy O'Brien (Ann)

9.30am Danilo Pauig Snr (7th Ann)

11am Teresita Lim (RIP) & family (int)

Monday 14th September

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6pm Pio D'Souza (b'day int) & Baby Samantha

Tuesday 15th September

Our Lady of Sorrows

9.30am Henry Hamilton (RIP)

6pm Ignatian Prayer on Zoom

Wednesday 16th September

SS Cornelius & Cyprian

9.30am Cheryl Finlay (RIP)

Thursday 17th September

St Robert Bellarmine

NO MASS

Friday 18th September

Feria

4pm-5.30pm Church Open

6pm Ennis Jones (RIP)

Saturday 19th September

Sat Commemoration of Our Lady

10am Holy Souls

4pm-5.30pm Church Open

6pm Teresa Lanham (RIP)

Sunday 20th September

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(FHC Enrolment Weekend)

8am Pro Populo

9.30am Isagani Clerigo (int)

11am Aylmer Okpara (int)

Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:

D'Souza (Sanctuary & Our Lady)

'Rule of Six': Please note that the new government guidelines apply to social gatherings and **not** acts of public worship, work and structured educational/catechetical activities. Our seating capacity remains unchanged. The maximum number of people to gather for baptisms, weddings and funerals remains at 30. We need to make sure that we all keep our masks on during Mass (covering mouth and nose) and that we do not stand outside the church in large groups. When on the sanctuary Fr Nicholas and Angela do not wear masks since they are kept separated from everyone else and they (obviously) need to communicate and be heard.

To attend Mass, especially at weekends, you need to book a place.

Please book via www.eventbrite.co.uk (type in 'Uxbridge Catholic Parish Mass'), where a set number of places will be reserved book in person during church opening times or after a Mass you attend (see newsletter)

Confessions are available (outside the church) while the church is open for private prayer.

First Holy Communions 2020 As everyone knows, we had to postpone our celebrations in May. We are currently running a series of First Communion celebrations (with restricted seating) at the 10am Masses on Saturdays 5th and 12th September. These Masses will not appear on Eventbrite; please contact the parish office if you have any queries about attendance. Let's keep the children in our prayers.

Next Year's First Holy Communions (2021) Application forms are now available and the enrolment weekend is next weekend (19-20 September). Candidates need to be in Year 3 or above and a member of our parish community. Please see Angela for further details.

Confirmation Course 2021 We are planning to go ahead with this, open to all those in Year 9 and above. Watch this space!

School Applications If you are hoping to apply for Nursery/ Reception/Year 7 in a Catholic school you will need a priest to sign a Certificate of Catholic Practice. For this to happen (1) the child must be baptised; (2) the child and his/her parents must be known to the priest and (3) you have been regularly participating in the life of the Church for at least six months. Many of you will already have a **Church Attendance Card** and, if you do not, please ask for one: a note can be made each week of your Catholic practice—whether attending Mass in person or by livestream (if the latter, please leave a comment so we know you are there!). If you are new to the parish, it is best that you contact your previous parish priest who will have known you for longer. Thank you!

Secondary School Applications CCPs will be signed by Fr Nicholas on Wednesday 7th October, 4pm-6.30pm. Please speak to us to make an appointment.

St Mary's School Nursery will be offering full-time (30 hours a week per pupil) places from 1st October. Part-time places are still available in afternoons. Please contact the school office on 01895 232814 if your child is 3 years (or approaching 3 years).

Mass on Monday will be at the later time of 6pm, since Fr Nicholas, as Dean, is representing Hillingdon Deanery at the rescheduled **Chrism Mass** at the Cathedral at 11.30am. All are welcome to watch the live stream at www.westminstercathedral.org.uk

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2020

Sadly we have made the tough decision to cancel this trip, due to the unforeseen circumstances we are all experiencing. It is hard to plan ahead but we will reassess the situation in the new year and hopefully we can re-schedule the trip as soon as possible. Thank you to all the pilgrims for your patience.

School of Ignatian Prayer continues on Tuesdays 6pm-6.40pm, praying with the readings for the following Sunday. Please contact angelaatkins@rcdow.org.uk if you are interested and you will be sent the link that you need for Zoom. All welcome!

Pray Mates—Children's Liturgy From next Sunday, Mark and Silvia will be offering 'Pray Mates' for our children on Zoom before Mass, between 9.45am and about 10.15am. Please have

a pen and paper ready with you! Please contact us if you would like the Zoom link

St Mary's School Online Second-hand Uniform Sale is currently being organised by the PTA. There is a wide range of sizes. Please contact Denise on 07976546438 for further details.

We have moved our livestreamed services to YouTube! Visit the webpage and type in our channel (Uxbridge Parish) or go via www.catholicchurchuxbridge.org.uk

Different ways you can financially support our parish Thank you very much for your great generosity during this challenging times, when many are facing financial uncertainty. We wanted to inform you of different ways you can contribute financially to best suit your needs

- Set up a Standing Order - this saves on the physical counting and transporting of money to the bank each week. Please speak to Father or Angela to set this up

- A new *Virgin Giving* option is now available on our Parish Website <https://www.catholicchurchuxbridge.org.uk>

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- The Diocese has selected us as one of ten parishes to trial a new contactless giving scheme. So instead of cash, you donate with a contactless card when you visit the Church. More information on this option will be available soon.

Thank you. *The Finance Committee*

Parking Notice Please remember that vehicles parked between the nearest lamppost to the railings and the roundabout will be liable to receive a ticket at weekends. Please also exercise care when leaving vehicles parked on the dual carriageway and avoid blocking any entrance gates to the BT building or Pavilions. Many thanks!

In case you are admitted to hospital please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Alternatively contact Fr Nicholas.

Prayer

Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation. We come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world. Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world. Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families.

We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found.

We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people.

Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. Amen.

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