



# Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

Christ the King (A), 22nd November 2020

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## Parish Diary

*Masses in bold will be livestreamed*

### Saturday 21st November

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin

**10am** Wilma Pereira (b'day int)

*10.30am-12 noon Church Open*

### Sunday 22nd November

**Christ the King**

**9.30am** Pro Populo/Zofia Sadrak (RIP)

*10am Pray Mates (Zoom)*

*10.30am-12 noon Church Open*

*11.30am Virtual Teas & Coffees (Zoom)*

### Monday 23rd November

St Columbanus

**9.30am** Dec'd members of the O'Brien family

*10.30am-11.30am Church Open*

*6pm First Communion Class #3 (Zoom)*

### Tuesday 24th November

St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

**9.30am** Luz Pauig (12th Ann)

*6pm Ignatian Prayer (Zoom)*

*7pm Confirmation Class #2 (Zoom)*

### Wednesday 25th November

St Catherine of Alexandria

**9.30am** Maureen McGrath (RIP)

*10.30am-11.30am Church Open*

### Thursday 26th November

Feria

NO MASS

### Friday 27th November

Feria

*4pm-5.30pm Church Open*

**6pm** Teresita Quinio (RIP)

*7pm Zoom Talk by Fr Nicholas*

### Saturday 28th November

Sat Commemoration of Our Lady

**10am** Maura Loftus (b'day RIP)

*10.30am-12 noon Church Open*

### Sunday 29th November

**1st Sunday of Advent**

**9.30am** Pro Populo/Shelley Ryde (4th Ann)

*10am Pray Mates (Zoom)*

*10.30am-12 noon Church Open*

**Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:**

Private int (Blessed Sacrament); Anne & Michael McLoughlin, RIP (Lady Altar)

**Lockdown Update** As you all know, in this current period of lockdown:

- Masses will not be celebrated with a congregation but will be available to watch on livestream. Please visit YouTube and type in our channel (Uxbridge Parish) or go via [www.catholicchurchuxbridge.org.uk](http://www.catholicchurchuxbridge.org.uk)
- The church will be open for private prayer at the times indicated, during which the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed..
- Baptisms and weddings are not permitted but funerals may be celebrated, with family and close friends only (up to a maximum of 30)
- We hope to announce further details next week regarding what will happen after 2nd December.

**Today's Gospel** challenges us, once again, to serve our neighbour. As we approach Advent, here are some ideas for practical help:

**I was hungry and you gave me food, naked and you clothed me**

- If you see a homeless person, approach them and ask if they want help. You might want to offer them some refreshment. You can contact **StreetLink** on 0300 500 0914 ([www.streetlink.org.uk](http://www.streetlink.org.uk)) on their behalf. This logs the homeless person with local services and a housing officer will come out to visit them
- **Olympic House Homeless Support Hub**, near Hillingdon Hospital, which provides accommodation for the homeless and refugees, is looking for volunteers to help with gardening and teaching English informally (no qualifications necessary just a desire to talk!). Contact them via their Facebook page or 07500016433.
- If you're on Facebook, a good local group to join **Help the Homeless Hillingdon**, which not only helps the homeless but other vulnerable people in our community who may need practical support.
- **Donate or knit hats, gloves or scarves.** These have been put outside the church in waterproof bags. Did you spot it on your last visit? These are here for people to collect if they need them.

**In prison and you came to see me**

- There are details of how to volunteer or support the work of PACT (the Prison Advice and Care Trust), which is supported by the Catholic Church, at [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk) These include writing letters to prisoners and voluntary work.

**Sick and you visited me**

- Let's remember the sick in our prayers, and over the next few weeks phone, send a card or offer help to someone who is housebound.

**Zoom Talk by Fr Nicholas** 'A History of Catholic London in 45 Minutes.' This will take place on Friday (27th November) at 7pm. All are welcome. All you need is this link (which will also be placed on our website and social media):

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88467536454?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88467536454?pwd=SnduM1NqZmFGN01aWEduOXZmMXRwdz09)

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**Confirmation Course 2021** The next class is on Tuesday 24th November on Zoom, 7pm-8pm (the link will be sent by email the day before).

**Weekend Mass Intentions** Only one Mass will be celebrated on Saturdays and Sundays during lockdown. Other booked intentions will be moved to a later date or can be combined with a pre-existing Mass—please let us know if you are willing for this to happen. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

**Marriage Preparation Course** will take place on Saturdays 16th and 30th January, 2pm-5.30pm, either in the parish hall or (if not possible) on Zoom. Cost: £60 per couple. Please contact us for more details. If you are planning to get married in church and have not yet spoken to your parish priest, please do so at least 6 months before the wedding.

#### **Pray Mates—Children's**

**Liturgy** Mark and Silvia offer 'Pray Mates' for our children on Zoom on Sundays 10am-10.30am. Please have a pen and paper ready with you! Please contact us if you would like the Zoom link

**School of Ignatian Prayer** continues on Tuesdays 6pm-6.45pm, praying with the readings for the following Sunday. Please contact [angelaatkins@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:angelaatkins@rcdow.org.uk) if you are interested and you will be sent the link that you need for Zoom. All welcome!

#### **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.

#### **Different ways you can financially support our parish**

- Set up a Standing Order - which is the easiest and most regular method
- Using planned giving envelopes
- Use the *Virgin Giving* option on our Parish Website - simply click and follow the simple instructions. You can make single payments or set up regular payments via this option, using gift aid if you wish.
- Use the contactless giving using the machine in the porch.

**Nursery School Forms** If your child is a baptised Catholic and you participate at Mass regularly (including online Masses during lockdown), then please speak to Angela and Fr Nicholas during one of the times the church is open (see Parish Diary overleaf).

**Our livestreamed services are on YouTube!** Visit the webpage and type in our channel (Uxbridge Parish) or go via [www.catholicchurchuxbridge.org.uk](http://www.catholicchurchuxbridge.org.uk)

**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.

**Point to Ponder:** 'At times, we think that to be Christian means not to do harm. And not doing harm is good. But not doing good is not good. We must do good, come out of ourselves and look, look at those who are more in need. There is so much hunger, even in the heart of our cities; and many times we enter into that logic of indifference: the poor person is there, and we look the other way. Hold out your hand to the poor person: it is Christ...The poor are at the heart of the Gospel; it is Jesus who taught us to speak to the poor; it is Jesus who came for the poor. Hold out your hand to the poor. You have received many things, and you let your brother, your sister die of hunger?' (Pope Francis in his Angelus Message last Sunday)

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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