

# **Our Lady of Lourdes** and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

SS Peter & Paul (A), 28th June 2020

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Parish Diary: Masses up until 3rd July will be celebrated privately and made available online

# Sunday 28th June SS Peter & Paul

10.30am Pro Populo 2pm-2.30pm Livestreamed Adoration 2.30pm-6.30pm Church Open

Prayer Int: Our Parish

Monday 29th June Feria 9.30am Mary Remnant OBE & Colin Atkinson (RIP)

10.30am-12.30pm Church Open Prayer Int: Our Schools

#### **Tuesday 30th June**

First Martyrs of the Roman Church 9.30am Private intention 10.30am-12.30pm Church Open 6pm-6.40pm Zoom Ignatian Meditation Prayer Int: Shop workers

# Wednesday 1st July **Dedication of the Cathedral**

9.30am S. R. Dasan (RIP) 10.30am-12.30pm Church Open Prayer Int: Those in financial difficulty

## Thursday 2nd July Feria NO MASS

Prayer Int: Healthcare Professionals

# Friday 3rd July St Thomas, Apostle

9.30am Charles Martins (RIP) 3.30pm-6.30pm Church Open Prayer Int: Peace-keepers

#### **PUBLIC MASSES RESUME:**

#### Saturday 4th July

Sat Commemoration of Our Lady 10am Ana Nacov (int) [livestreamed] 4pm-5.30pm Church Open 6pm Matt Masterson (RIP) Prayer Int: The sick

## **Sunday 5th July**

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

8am Ann Doyle (RIP) [livestreamed] 9.30am Pro Populo 11am Holy Souls NO HOLY HOUR Prayer Int: Our Parish

#### Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:

Concepcion Permach (int)

Public Services to Resume from Saturday 4th July—see our separate guidelines and below!

From 4th July our Mass times will be: Monday to Friday 9.30am; Friday 6pm; Saturday 10am & 6pm; Sunday 8am, 9.30am & 11am. In order to attend, you need to book a place.

**How do I book a place at Mass?** There are 3 ways:

- book via www.eventbrite.co.uk (type in 'Uxbridge Catholic Parish Mass'), where a set number of places will be reserved 2
- 2) book in person during church opening times (see newsletter)
- book by phone only at the following times: Monday 1.30pm-2.30pm; Tuesday 5pm-6pm; Friday 10am-11am

Please do not leave a message about this on the answer phone, WhatsApp or email—bookings cannot be taken this way. Thanks.

# **Excerpts from the Message from the English Archbishops**

On Tuesday we heard the announcement that, from 4th July this year, places of worship will be able to reopen for prayer and services. We welcome this news with great joy. Since the lockdown began, members of all faiths have faced restrictions on how they have been able to celebrate important religious festivals. Our own experience of Easter was unlike any other we have known. Now, in our churches, and with our people, we can look forward again to celebrating the central mysteries of our faith in the Holy Eucharist.

We want to thank everyone within the Catholic community for sustaining the life of faith in such creative ways, not least in the family home.

With the easing of restrictions on worship with congregations, we tread carefully along the path that lies ahead. Our lives have been changed by the experience of the pandemic and it is clear that we cannot simply return to how things were before lockdown.

It is important to reaffirm that, at present, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. Please be aware that there will be a limit on the number of people who can attend Mass in our churches. This will determined locally in accordance with social distancing requirements. We therefore need to reflect carefully on how and when we might be able to attend Mass. We cannot return immediately to our customary practices. This next step is not, in any sense, a moment when we are going 'back to normal.' We ask every Catholic to think carefully about how and when they will return to Mass. Given there is no Sunday obligation, we ask you to consider the possibility of attending Mass on a weekday. This will ease the pressure of numbers for Sunday celebrations and allow a gradual return to the Eucharist for more people.

When we return to Mass there will some differences in how the celebration takes place. For the time being, there will be no congregational singing and Mass will be shorter than usual. None of this detracts from the centrality of our encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist. We ask everyone to respect and follow the guidance that will be issued and the instructions in each church.

**Church Opening Please see** the times overleaf. You will be asked to sanitise your hands on entrance and exit and follow a one-way system inside the church. Some areas, including the toilets, will remain closed. You may wish to wear gloves and a face mask. Full guidelines will be available at the church and we thank our team of volunteers. Confessions can be heard outside the church during these times. Most of all, we look forward to welcoming you!

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

**School of Ignatian Prayer** continues as a prayer group on Tuesday evenings 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!

Children's Liturgy Many of our younger members will be missing our Children's Litur-

gy at the 10.30am Mass. Eve- • ry 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 this option will be available you would like the Zoom link soon.

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/. Simply click the donate button on the Parish Website Homepage and follow the simple instructions. You can make single payments or set up regular payments via this option, using gift aid if you wish.

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

Did you know that it takes up to 4 people over 2 hours every week to count and bank the basket collections. Please do try one of these options! 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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