



# Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A), 16th February 2020

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## Parish Diary

### Saturday 15th February

Sat Commemoration of Our Lady  
10am Holy Souls

*10.30am-11am Confessions*

*3.30pm-6pm Youth Group*

6.30pm Kathleen McQuaid (6th Ann)

### Sunday 16th February

#### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Pro Populo

10.30am Rita Cunningham (RIP)

*3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction*

5pm Josie Brennan (RIP)

### Monday 17th February

Feria

9.30am Nell O'Doherty (RIP)

### Tuesday 18th February

Feria

9.30am St Anthony (tx)

### Wednesday 19th February

Feria

9.30am Edgar Martins (RIP)

### Thursday 20th February

Feria

NO MASS

### Friday 21st February

Feria

9.30am Holy Souls

### Saturday 22nd February

#### Chair of St Peter, Apostle

10am Declan Doherty (RIP)

*10.30am-11am Confessions*

6.30pm Leonard & Emilia Anthony  
(RIP)

### Sunday 23rd February

#### 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am Nell O'Doherty (RIP)

10.30am Pro Populo

*3.45pm-4.45pm Holy Hour/Benediction*

5pm Sir Roger Scruton (RIP)

**This Sunday** there is a Pastoral Letter from the Cardinal concerning an important date for the English Catholic community: the dedication of our country to Our Lady on 29th March. This will renew the dedication made by King Richard II in 1381, who promised this land and its people as the 'Dowry of Mary'.

**Our Lenten Course: A School of Ignatian Prayer** Lent begins on 26th February (Ash Wednesday) and this year will be running, in conjunction with Mount Street Jesuit Centre, a 'School of Ignatian Prayer'. This will give us an opportunity to learn about and experience different forms of prayer in the tradition of St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Sessions will run in our parish hall, 7pm-8.30pm, Tuesday evenings 3rd-31st March. No need to book, just come along –and each session stands alone. For more details please email: [ahamilton@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:ahamilton@jesuit.org.uk) or phone 0207 529 4844.

**Hillingdon Deanery Lenten Retreat** The theme this year is 'Forgiveness' and we are delighted to have as our speakers Barry and Margaret Mizen, whose son Jimmy was tragically murdered in 2008. As well as their talks, there will be Mass, adoration and an opportunity for confession. Donations are welcome to cover costs and we ask you to bring a packed lunch. The Retreat will take place 10am-3.30pm on Saturday 28th March at Field Heath House School, Field Heath Road, Uxbridge UB8 3NW. To book a place please contact Angela on 01895 233193; [angelaatkins@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:angelaatkins@rcdow.org.uk). All are welcome!

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** led by Cardinal Vincent will take place 25th-31st July. There are various packages available– by air from Stansted or train from London. Please visit [www.tangney-tours.com/westminster](http://www.tangney-tours.com/westminster) or 01732 886666.

**Eastcote Parish Pilgrimage** led by Fr Martin Plunkett to the shrine of Our Lady, Queen of Love in Schio, northern Italy 11th-16th May. While being based in the Marian shrine which began only in 1985, they will also visit Padua (and the shrine of St Anthony) and the convent of St Josephine Bakhita, who was from the Sudan and was stolen as a slave from her family until she came to Italy. She is now the patron saint of the work to stop modern day trafficking. All are welcome. See posters or leaflets available, [www.paxtravel.co.uk](http://www.paxtravel.co.uk) or contact [info@paxtravel.co.uk](mailto:info@paxtravel.co.uk) or speak to Fr Martin 0208 866 6581.

**A Word for Lent** Reading, reflecting and discussing the six Sunday Gospels during Lent. There are several opportunities to take part in this:

- A group in our parish for those recently received into the Church or currently searching, meeting on Fridays in Lent (starting 28th February) at 6pm in the Presbytery. Please contact Angela.
- A more general group in the Coffee Lounge of Most Sacred Heart Church, Ruislip, Pembroke Road, HA4 8NN, starting on either: **Monday 24th February at 2pm or Wednesday 26th February at 7pm.** To register, please email Francis: [francisthom-as@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:francisthom-as@rcdow.org.uk)

**Coronavirus** At the time of writing (Friday afternoon) individuals in the UK remain at low risk from coronavirus. However, we should all take personal responsibility in using good hygiene, which will effectively disrupt the spread of this and other viruses. Remember: **Catch it** - sneeze into a tissue (or into your elbow rather than your hand); **Bin it; Kill it** - wash your hands with soap and water. Do not touch your face unless you've washed your hands. If you are feeling unwell, then you might want to refrain from receiving the chalice and receive the Host in the hand. Of course, if you are feeling ill then there is no need to come to Mass and the Sunday obligation does not apply. Let us pray for all those suffering from the virus and those caring for them.

**Music and Dance Show** to raise money for the Society of Our Lady of Lourdes is being held in our hall on Saturday 29th February, 2.30pm-5.30pm. There will be live music and dancers. Tickets cost £10 including light refreshments and raffle prizes—please phone Ray on 0208 848 9833. If you cannot attend but would still like to buy a ticket and donate it, these tickets will be used to invite those less fortunate, to attend.

**Bidding Prayers** If you would the name of a sick or deceased friend/relative mentioned in our Sunday intercessions, then please let Fr Nicholas or Angela know.

**Congratulations to St Mary's School** on their 125th Anniversary on 24th February. The school will be celebrating by coming in dressed as Victorians! Let us remember those who established St Mary's, especially Miss Anastasia Morrissey, the first schoolmistress, and the Honourable Mrs Harriet Le Poer Trench, who lived at a house called 'St Hubert's', Gerrards Cross, and paid for the building of the school. It started off small—the highest attendance that first week was 15—but has gone on to great things since 1895!

**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

**The period after Sunday Mass** can be a very busy time, especially given the number of people in our church. This is a time for greeting the members of our community. Of course, you may wish to ask Fr Nicholas or Angela for advice or book a Mass intention/sanctuary lamp. However, if you need a school/immigration/passport form signed, or ask for permission letters for baptism/marriage, or complete wedding paperwork, etc, **please make an appointment**. For Confessions we ask that you come to the Saturday morning slot or make an appointment. Please do not enter the sacristy in the ten

minutes before Mass, unless absolutely necessary. Thank you!

**Photographs and videos** are sometimes taken during services and events and posted on our website and social media. Should you not wish to be have a photograph used in this way, please let us know at the time of taking.

**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.

#### **Recent Collections:**

##### **Sunday 9th February**

Loose Plate: £679.17

Planned Giving: £408.05

**Total: £1,087.22**

**The collection from the Mass for the Sick raised £322.55, to help send a young person to Lourdes. Many thanks!**

#### **Sanctuary Lamps This Week**

Blessed Sacrament—Peter

McAleavey (RIP); Lady Altar—

Lorna Hope (RIP)

**Remember  
This is the House of God.  
Before the Mass:  
Speak to God.  
During the Mass:  
Let God speak to you.  
After the Mass:  
Speak to one another.**

#### **For Your Diary**

**Ash Wednesday** 26th February, Masses 9.30am & 7pm

**Infant Baptism Preparation**

Saturday 29th February, 3pm (please note new date!)

**School of Ignatian Prayer**

Tuesday evenings, 7pm from 3rd March

**Deanery Lenten Retreat**

**Day Saturday 28th**  
March, Pield Heath



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