



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A), 5th July 2020

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Parish Diary

Masses in bold will be livestreamed

Saturday 4th July Our Lady on Sat
10am Ana Nacov (int)

4pm-5.30pm Church Open

6pm Matty Masterson (RIP)

Prayer Int: The sick

Sunday 5th July

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)

8am Ann Doyle (RIP)

9.30am Pro Populo

11am Holy Souls

NO HOLY HOUR

Prayer Int: Our Parish

Monday 6th July St Maria Goretti

9.30am Matty Masterson (RIP)

10.30am-12.30pm Church Open

*11.30am Funeral Service for Ann
McQueen RIP at Breakspear*

Prayer Int: Our Schools

Tuesday 7th July Feria

9.30am Tomas McMahon (RIP)

6pm Ignatian Prayer Group (Zoom)

Prayer Int: The Police

Wednesday 8th July Feria

9.30am Elaine Rooney (RIP)

Prayer Int: Those in hospitality

Thursday 9th July Feria

NO MASS

Prayer Int: Healthcare Professionals

Friday 10th July Feria

4pm-5.30pm Church Open

6pm Pearl Stewart (RIP)

Prayer Int: The Sick

Saturday 11th July

St Benedict, Patron of Europe

10am Holy Souls

4pm-5.30pm Church Open

6pm Pat Higgins (RIP)

Prayer Int: Europe

Sunday 12th July

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

8am Sheila Harvey (RIP)

9.30am Pro Populo

11am Mary O'Grady (RIP)

Prayer Int: Our Parish

Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:

Concepcion Permach (int)

From 4th July our Mass times are: Monday to Wednesday 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 for Mass? There are 3 ways:

- 1) book via www.eventbrite.co.uk (type in 'Uxbridge Catholic Parish Mass'), where a set number of places will be reserved
- 2) book in person during church opening times (see newsletter)
- 3) 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. Thank you.

The Church will be open for individual prayer with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on:

Saturdays: 4pm-5.30pm

Mondays: 10.30am-12.30pm

Fridays: 4pm-5.30pm

Confessions are available (outside the church) during these times.

Excerpts from the Message from the English Archbishops

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 be 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 be 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.

Check out the Parish Blog on our website—including a special reflection written by our friend and neighbour, Canon Andrew Studdert-Kennedy of St Andrew's and St Margaret's

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 ange-laatkings@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 Liturgy at the 10.30am Mass. Every 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

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 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 this option will be available soon.

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.

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.

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