



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

4th Sunday of Advent (B), 20th December 2020

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Parish Diary

Masses in bold will be livestreamed

Saturday 19th December Advent Feria

10am Holy Souls

11.30am Baptism (Myla Michalkova-McDonagh)

5pm Amanda Martins (int)

6.30pm Johnny Sheehan (RIP)

Sunday 20th December

4th Sunday of Advent (B)

8am Pro Populo

9.30am Isabel Robin (80th b'day RIP)

11am Leonora Bridgeman (5th Ann)

Monday 21st December Advent Feria

9.30am Private intention

Tuesday 22nd December Advent Feria

9.30am Vincent Goes (1st b'day int)

10am-11am Confessions

Wednesday 23rd December Advent Feria

9.30am Raymond Edwin Povey (RIP)

5.30pm-6pm Confessions

Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve

NO MORNING MASS

12 noon Children's Living Nativity (Zoom)

4pm Christmas Vigil Mass (Holy Souls)

6pm Christmas Vigil Mass (Private intention)

11.30pm Midnight Mass (Pro Populo)

Friday 25th December Christmas Day

8am Eugenia & Jesus Tidoy (RIP)

9.30am Siony Mendoza (int)

11am The Sick (int)

Saturday 26th December St Stephen

10am Policarpo Goes (RIP)

NO EVENING MASSES

Sunday 27th December Holy Family

8am James Alexander Doyle (3rd Ann)

9.30am Pro Populo

11am Nancy D'Souza (Ann)

Monday 28th December Holy Innocents

NO MASS

Tuesday 29th December St Thomas Becket

9.30am Anerlyn & family (int)

10.30am Baptism (Mariusz Tryc)

Wednesday 30th December Christmas Octave

9.30am C. M. Kunjuvareed (10th Ann)

Thursday 31st December Christmas Octave

NO MASS

Friday 1st January Mary, the Mother of God

10am Pro Populo

Saturday 2nd January SS Basil & Gregory

10am Siony Mendoza (int)

5pm Pro Populo

6.30pm Jan Pekala (RIP)

Sunday 3rd January 2nd Sunday of Christmas

8am John Ward (1st Ann)

9.30am Jim Dodd (20th Ann)

11am Kathleen O'Malley (7th Ann)

Monday 4th January Christmas Feria

9.30am Adrian Martins (int)

Tuesday 5th January Christmas Feria

9.30am Patricia Ward & family (int)

Wednesday 6th January Epiphany of the Lord

9.30am Pro Populo

6pm Holy Souls

Thursday 7th January Christmas Feria

NO MASS

Friday 8th January Christmas Feria

4pm-5.30pm Church Open/Confessions

6pm Aleron Goes (b'day int)

Saturday 9th January Christmas Feria

10am Claire & Greg Smith (int)

4pm-4.30pm Church Open/Confessions

5pm Pro Populo

6.30pm St Anthony (tx)

Sunday 10th January Baptism of the Lord

8am June Smyth (RIP)

9.30am Simon Ken Onwu & Richard Ifeenyi Onwu (RIP)

11am Alex Fernandes (7th Ann)

Sanctuary Lamps

From 19th December: O'Sullivan family, int (Sanctuary); Martin family, tx (Our Lady)

From 26th December: Juliet Chandna, int (Sanctuary)

Thank you to everyone for your patience and support this year, and for adapting so well to the changes that we have had to make to our parish schedule. A special thank you goes out to our wonderful volunteers, who have enabled us to open the church for Masses and are working so hard this Christmas. Thank you also for your kind Christmas messages and gifts, each of which are much appreciated! Happy Christmas everyone! *Fr Nicholas & Angela*

Christmas Masses Please only come to a Christmas Mass if you have booked a seat. Seating is restricted and most Christmas Masses (including the Midnight Mass) are already fully booked. Doors open 20 minutes before the service and if you have not taken your seat 10 minutes before Mass begins, they will be considered available to others. If you have not been able to book a seat at a Christmas Mass, please remember the 4pm, 11.30pm and 9.30am Masses will all be livestreamed on YouTube.

Outdoor Carols and Blessing of Cribs We have sadly decided to cancel this event on 23rd December in the light of the increase in infections and our move to Tier 3. Apologies for any inconvenience!

Living Nativity on Zoom takes place at noon on Christmas Eve. We encourage children to join in dressed as a character from the Nativity story. The link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81166029488?pwd=TFY3dlJvTzhXU1NKUXRpdE13SnJaUT09> and this will appear on the website and social media.

Booking a Seat at Morning

Weekday Masses For the time being, there is no need to book a place at morning Masses on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, since numbers of attendees are currently low. The only exceptions would be holy days, such as Epiphany, which is on Wednesday 6th January.

COVID Update Please be safe this Christmas and do not take unnecessary risks. At Masses, please keep a safe distance from people outside your bubble, especially when entering or leaving the church, and do not mingle with them outside. If the situation changes over the coming weeks, please check the website for updates.

Pope Francis has just declared a **Year of St Joseph**, starting from 8th December, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of his proclamation as 'Patron of the Universal Church.'

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. The machine is now up and running in the porch! 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*

Point to Ponder: 'A charming legend relates that at the birth of Jesus the shepherds hurried to the stable with different gifts. Each brought what he had; some brought the fruits of their labour, others some precious item. But as they were all presenting their gifts, there was one shepherd who had nothing to give. He was extremely poor...Seeing that shepherd with empty hands, Mary asked him to draw near. And she put the baby Jesus in his arms. That shepherd, in accepting him, became aware of having received what he did not deserve, of holding in his arms the greatest gift of all time. He looked at his hands, those hands that seemed to him always empty; they had become the cradle of God...If your hands seem empty, if you think your heart is poor in love, Christmas is for you. *The grace of God has appeared, to shine forth in your life. Accept it and the light of Christmas will shine forth in you.*' (Pope Francis)

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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