



# Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

2nd Sunday of Easter (B), 11th April 2021

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## Parish Diary

### Saturday 10th April

#### Easter Saturday

10am Stella Onwu (RIP)

4pm-4.30pm Confessions

5pm Emilia & Leonard Anthony (RIP)

### Sunday 11th April

#### 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

8am Holy Souls

9.30am George Hickey (RIP)

11am John Pearcey (80th b'day, RIP)

### Monday 12th April

Easter Feria

9.30am Mary McGuinness (RIP)

### Tuesday 13th April

Easter Feria

9.30am Sarah Page (b'day int)

6pm Ignatian Prayer (Zoom)

### Wednesday 14th April

Easter Feria

9.30am Anthony De Silva (b'day int)

### Thursday 15th April

Easter Feria

NO MASS

### Friday 16th April

Easter Feria

6pm Ray Hutchison (b'day RIP)

7pm Parish Evening Rosary

### Saturday 17th April

Easter Feria

10am William Tully (1st Ann)

4pm-4.30pm Confessions

5pm Menino Jose Goes (42nd Ann)

### Sunday 18th April

#### 3rd Sunday of Easter

8am Fr Tom & Fr Colum Cunningham (RIP)

9.30am Vincent McHugh (1st Ann)

11am Michael Bradley (23rd Ann)

To access our livestreamed Masses please visit our website or go to YouTube and type in 'Uxbridge Parish'

The church is open for communal worship. Masses will continue to be available online in the usual way. **Seats need to be booked, as before, either in person or through Eventbrite.** Please check the schedule on this newsletter. Please remember that we still have to wear masks, observe social distancing and avoid mingling with each other inside and outside the church. This applies to you even if you have received the vaccine!

**HRH The Duke of Edinburgh RIP** Alongside the many deaths that we mourn over the last year, we are saddened by the passing of Prince Philip at Windsor on Easter Friday, in union with the whole nation, and pray for the eternal repose of his soul. We pay especial tribute to his great example of duty and service and remember in our prayers Her Majesty the Queen and all those who mourn his loss.

**Ignatian Prayer Group** on Zoom meets on Tuesdays at 6pm and lasts for about 45 minutes. If you are not already on the list and would like to join, please let us know!

**Friday Evening Rosary** Why not tune in on Friday evenings at 7pm on YouTube for 20 minutes, so that we can pray the Rosary together? You can send us intentions for prayer via the comments function on YouTube once we are live.

**Children's Liturgy** led by Mark and Sylvia. This popular group for 3-7 year olds meets each Sunday during termtime at 10am on Webex. The link is sent out weekly. Please let us know if you would like to join in with your child.

**Planned Giving Boxes** are now available for the new tax year. Please let us know if you have not yet collected your box of envelopes. If you would like to transfer to standing orders, please contact us! Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Mass Attendance Card** If your child will be needing a priest's reference (CCP) for a school later this year (Nursery, Reception or Year 7 application), please make sure you are engaging regularly in the life of the parish (either by coming to Mass in person or watching online and leaving a comment). Your week-by-week practice can be written on a Church Attendance Card—please come and collect a new copy if you need one.

*Fr Nicholas & Angela would like to thank you for the kind Easter cards, gifts and messages! May God bless you all!*

**Parish WhatsApp Group** If you would like to join this group to receive updates regarding parish events, please let us know!

**Friend of the Holy Land Pentecost Challenge** John Penty has set up a fundraising page to encourage our parish community to raise money for Christian schools in places like East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza, where many families face poverty and unemployment. This charity's Pentecost Challenge is to walk, cycle, run or swim the 84-mile pilgrimage route from Bethlehem to Nazareth. If you want to take part, please contact John at [john@pentysofuxbridge.co.uk](mailto:john@pentysofuxbridge.co.uk) or visit <https://fhl/enthuse.com/pf/uxbridge-parish>

**Mass Intentions** Please be aware that we are currently booked up until June. Please contact us if you would like to book a Mass.

**COVID Tests** Hillingdon residents without symptoms can now get a free test at the Civic Centre (or The Beck Theatre, Hayes). These must be pre-booked: please visit <https://>

## Prayer to St Faustina by St John Paul II

*And you, Faustina, a gift of God to our time, a gift from the land of Poland to the whole Church, obtain for us an awareness of the depth of Divine Mercy; help us to have a living experience of it and to bear witness to it among our brothers and sisters. May your message of light and hope spread throughout the world, spur-*

[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/community-testing](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/community-testing)

**COVID Vaccine** Fr Nicholas and Angela received their first dose recently and only had mild side effects, as expected. Pope Francis has spoken of the vaccine as an 'ethical action' and the Vatican has reminded us that Catholics can receive all types of vaccine in good conscience. Please do sign up for yours if you are invited to do so! For more info, see the Coronavirus section on [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk) (Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales)

**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:** 'Last Sunday we celebrated the Lord's resurrection; today we witness the resurrection of his disciple. It has already been a week, a week since the disciples had seen the Risen Lord, but in spite of this, they remained fearful, cringing behind "closed doors" (Jn 20:26), unable even to convince Thomas, the only one absent, of the

*ring sinners to conversion, calming rivalries and hatred, and opening individuals and nations to the practice of brotherhood. Today, fixing our gaze with you on the Face of the Risen Christ, let us make our own your prayer of trusting abandonment and say with firm hope: "Jesus, I trust in You!"*

resurrection. What does Jesus do in the face of this timorous lack of belief? He returns and, standing in the same place, "in the midst" of the disciples, he repeats his greeting: "Peace be with you!" (Jn 20:19, 26). He starts all over. The resurrection of his disciple begins here, from this *faithful and patient mercy*, from the discovery that God never tires of reaching out to lift us up when we fall. He wants us to see him, not as a taskmaster with whom we have to settle accounts, but as our Father who always raises us up. In life we go forward tentatively, uncertainly, like a toddler who takes a few steps and falls; a few steps more and falls again, yet each time his father puts him back on his feet. The hand that always puts us back on our feet is mercy.' (Pope Francis)



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