



Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Michael, Uxbridge

Baptism of the Lord (B), 10th January 2021

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Parish Diary

Masses in bold will be livestreamed

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)

Monday 11th January

Feria (1st Week of Year 1)

9.30am Thomas Myers (int)

Joined virtually by pupils from St Bernadette's School, Hillingdon

6pm First Communion Class #5 (Zoom)

Tuesday 12th January

St Aelred of Rievaulx

9.30am Don & Maureen Feegrade (int)

7pm Confirmation Session #4 (Zoom)

Wednesday 13th January

St Hilary, Bishop

9.30am Philomena McMullen (Ann)

Thursday 14th January Feria

NO MASS

Friday 15th January Feria

12 noon Rita Shaheen (Funeral)

5pm-5.30pm Church Open/Confessions

6pm Hilary Martins (RIP)

Saturday 16th January

Sat Commemoration of Our Lady

10am Bridget Lee (int)

2pm-4pm Wedding Preparation #1 (Zoom)

5pm Our Lady of Lourdes (tx)

Sunday 17th January

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Surjit Kaur Kalyan (RIP)

9.30am Eusebia Alodia Gutierrez (RIP)

11am Pro Populo

Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for:

Private intention (Blessed Sacrament);

Mohan Edirisinghe OBE, tx (Lady Altar)

Lockdown 2021 As everyone knows, we have entered a new period of National Lockdown. As things stand, our church remains open for Masses and private prayer, as advertised in our weekly schedule. The Government has recognised that our churches are safe and that the service they offer is essential. At this time of increased infection, however, we need to be especially vigilant in maintaining social distancing and following the relevant guidelines (which are under constant review):

- The number of available places at Mass will be slightly reduced to ensure we are suitably distanced.
- Please make sure you wear a mask (covering nose and mouth) at all times and that you do not mingle with people from outside your household (including outside the church).
- To reduce the risk of overcrowding in the porch on entering and exiting the church, we have placed the candles on the long table at the back of the church.
- We will be asking the congregation to leave at the end of Mass in stages, starting from the back.
- If you wish to book a future Mass, please stay in your seat at the end and a steward will come to you.
- If you wish to ask Fr Nicholas or Angela any questions or book Masses, please contact them by email, social media or phone

Changes to our Schedule In the light of reduced numbers, there will for the time being be **one Saturday evening Mass at 5pm**, starting from next weekend (i.e NO 6.30pm MASS). The church will only be open for private prayer on **Fridays, 5pm-5.30pm** (note the new times). The times have been shortened since people are advised to spend only a limited time inside the church. During this time there will be an opportunity for confession. The church will shut at 5.30pm and reopen at 5.45pm for Mass.

Thank you to everyone for your patience and support last 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, as well as our parish choirs. Thank you also for your kind Christmas messages and gifts, each of which are much appreciated! *Fr Nicholas & Angela*

First Communion Class

The next class for children on Zoom takes place on Monday (11th January) at 6pm. A link will be sent to all those in the programme earlier that day.

Confirmation Class The next session on Zoom for our Confirmation candidates takes place on Tuesday (12th January) at 7pm. A link will be sent to all those in the programme earlier that day.

Congratulations to one of our parishioners, Professor Mohan Edirisinghe, who has been awarded the OBE for services to Biomedical Engineering in the New Year Honours. These honours are not given out lightly and as a parish we are very proud of his life's work and achievements!

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. Thanks!

Different ways you can financially support our parish

- Set up a Standing Order - which is the easiest and most regular method
- Using planned giving envelopes
- Use the *Virgin Giving* option on our Parish Website - simply click and follow the simple instructions. You can make single payments or set up regular payments via this option, using gift aid if you wish.
- Use the contactless giving using the machine in the porch.
- Use the good old fashioned basket at the back of the church!

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: 'The celebration of Jesus' baptism invites every Christian to *remember his or her own baptism*. I cannot ask you whether you remember the day of your baptism, because most of you were infants, like me; we were baptized as infants. But I ask you another question: do you know the date of your baptism? Do you know what day you were baptized? Each one think about it. And if you do not know the date or have forgotten it, upon returning home, ask your mom, grandma, uncle, aunt, grandpa, godfather, godmother: what is the date? We must always keep that date in our memory, because it is a date of celebration; it is the date of our initial sanctification; it is the date on which the Father gave us the Holy Spirit who encourages us to walk; it is the date of the great forgiveness. Let us invoke the maternal protection of Mary Most Holy, that all Christians can understand ever better the gift of baptism and commit to living it with coherence, witnessing to the love of the Father and of the Son and of the Spirit.' (Pope Francis)

COVID Update: A Reminder

- Places at Mass can be booked either in person or on Eventbrite (look for 'Uxbridge Catholic Parish')
- There is no obligation to come to church and Masses will be livestreamed on YouTube; simply type in our channel (Uxbridge Parish) or follow the link from our website.
- The church is open for private prayer on Fridays (5pm -5.30pm). Confessions are available at these times.
- Masks must still be worn and households must not mix before or after Mass.
- Please observe social distancing requirements
- Please only come to church if you are free from symptoms and able to do so.

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