

E A L I N G   A B B E Y

ADVENT  
&  
CHRISTMAS  
2 0 2 3



**ADVENT ON THE WEB**

Check out our website [www.ealingabbeyparish.uk/advent](http://www.ealingabbeyparish.uk/advent)

Find, for example:- 'Stations of the Nativity',  
'Waiting with Mary', Family Advent ACTIVITIES, and more . . .



**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
**BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER**

An evening exploring the role of Mary.  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November in the Benet Bar at 7pm.  
Join us for an evening of food, conversation and prayer. A great preparation for *Advent*. Free event, all welcome. Register through parish website or scan the QR code.



**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**ST. BENEDICT'S SCHOOL Senior Citizens Christmas Party**

St. Benedict's SVP invite you to join them for music, refreshments, carol singing, **BINGO & LOTS OF FUN!** 2:00-4:00pm in the Cloisters, St. Benedicts Senior School, 54 Eaton Rise. All welcome. No need to book. Please call **0208 862 2000**.

**Saturday 2nd December**

**SPECIAL NEEDS ADVENT LITURGY**

**For those with Special Needs and Carers**

Meet in the Coffee Shop from 2.30pm. Arts and Crafts, gentle music, singing hymns, and a **Special Service in the Abbey** followed by refreshments.

**GURNELL GROVE Christmas Fair.**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 4:30-7:30pm.** Fun for all the family! **Gurnell Grove, Ealing W13 0AH.** Donkey rides, Christmas lights, stalls, refreshments. **FUN WINTER FAIR** in our community. All welcome!

**✧ Sunday 3rd December 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent ✧**

**VESPERS for the First Sunday of Advent at 5.00pm**

Join the Monastic Community and Ealing Abbey Choir for Vespers. This is an opportunity to celebrate the beginning of Advent in a reflective and prayerful setting. Followed by gathering and refreshments in the Parish Hall

**RCIA ADVENT RETREAT**

**Reflection on the Advent Season with readings, music & sacred art.**  
Bulbeck Room from 1pm-3pm. Refreshments and a light lunch included.  
Open to everyone.

Tickets on sale for **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** after all Masses.

**ABBEY CHOIR CHARITY CAKE SAKE**

in the bookshop porch after all Masses

**Saturday 9th December**

**ADVENT RETREAT WITH HOLY HOUR**

**9.15am Mass, followed by Holy Hour 10.00-11.00am**

Guided reflection until 1:00pm.

Especially Eucharistic Ministers and Readers, open to everyone.

⌘ Sunday 10th December **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent** ⌘  
**SVP (Society of St. Vincent de Paul) APPEAL & 2<sup>nd</sup> collection.** Speakers after all  
Masses. Collections and volunteer sign-up, for the **SVP after all Masses.**



Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

**Ealing Abbey Choir & Orchestra** will perform the annual **Carols by Candlelight concert** featuring music and readings for Christmas in the Abbey at 7:30pm. Tickets are available here: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/CUYA>, in person after all Masses on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, or via email: [ealingabbeychoir@gmail.com](mailto:ealingabbeychoir@gmail.com). Advance booking is strongly recommended.

⌘ Sunday 17th December **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent** ⌘



**CONFESSIONS in ADVENT: The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays in Advent 10-11.00am, 4-5.00pm

Thursdays in Advent 7.45-8.15pm

Fridays: - 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December 5.30-6.00pm

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>:- 5.30-6.00pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>:- 5.15-6.00pm

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>:- 10-11.00am, 4-5.00pm

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>:- 3:30-5.00pm

**The Parish Office will be closed after 12.30 pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
and open again on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 at 930am**

[parishoffice@ealingabbey.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@ealingabbey.org.uk) | [www.ealingabbeyparish.uk](http://www.ealingabbeyparish.uk)  
**Ealing Abbey Church, Charlbury Grove, Ealing, London, W5 2DY**  
**0208 194 2301**

❧ **CHRISTMAS EVE** ❧

❧ Sunday 24th December **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent** ❧

**Mass Times:** - 9:00am, 10:15am (*in the Parish Hall for those with young children*), 10:30am, 12:00pm. **Confessions:** - 3.30-5.00pm

**Blessing of the Crib, 3.00pm**

Children come dressed as shepherds, angels, king's. Please check the website for updates of details.

**Solemn Vespers 6.00pm:** the Evening Prayer of Christmas Eve sung in Latin and led by the Monastic Community. There will be **NO evening Mass**

**Nativity of Our Lord 8.00pm - First Mass of Christmas**

**Matins 11.00pm**

**Office of Readings of Christmas Day**, led by the Monastic Community.

**Carols 11.30pm** - with the Ealing Abbey Choir, **12.00 Midnight Mass**  
Please arrive well before midnight if you wish to get a seat.

❧ **CHRISTMAS DAY** ❧

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December The Nativity of Our Lord**

**Masses at 8.00am, 9.00am, 10.15am** (*In the parish hall for those with young children*).  
10.30am (sung choral Mass), **12.15pm**

**Pontifical Vespers 6.00pm: No evening Mass**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December:** Feast of St Stephen,  
(*No 7.00am Mass*) **Masses at 9.15am and 6.00pm.**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec:** **Masses at 7.00am, 9.15am, 6.00pm**

❧ **Sunday 31st December** ❧ **Holy Family**

**Masses at 9:00am, 10:15am** (Family Mass in Parish Hall), 10:30am (sung choral Mass), 12:00pm, 7:00pm

**New Year's Eve Eucharistic Adoration and Mass-  
Confession 10.00-11.00pm, Adoration 10.00-11.30pm, Mass 11.30pm**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**

World Day of Prayer for Peace. **Masses as usual.**

**7.00am, 9.15am, 6:00pm.**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 10:00am-5:00pm.**

❧ **Sunday 7th January** ❧ **Solemnity of the EPIPHANY**

**Masses at 9:00am, 10:15am** (Family Mass in Parish Hall), 10:30am (sung choral Mass), 12:00pm, 7:00pm

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024: 'ORSZAK'**

**PROCESSION OF THE 3 KINGS** - Commencing on the piazza of Christchurch School, 1pm, arriving Abbey steps, 3pm. Children & parents invited to follow the star with the 3 Kings! Please dress as Kings' Attendants.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024: Baptism of the Lord**

**Masses as usual 7:00am, 9:15am, 6:00pm**