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Ealing Abbey Church of St. Benedict *Newsletter and Information bulletin*

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SUNDAY 5 OF EASTER

Acts 9: 26-31; 1 John 3: 18-24; John 15:1-8



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DIVINE OFFICE

	Sunday	Weekday	Saturday
MATINS		6.00am	6.30am
LAUDS	7.35am	7.35am	7.35am
VESPERS	6.00pm	6.35pm	5.15pm
COMPLINE		8.00pm	
VIGIL			7.30pm

WEEKDAY & SATURDAY

MASSES

7.00am
(With the Monks)
9.15am
6.00pm
(Vigil Mass of Sunday)

CONFESSION:

Saturday: 10am-11am/4pm-5pm,
Thursday: 7.45pm-8.15pm

SUNDAY MASS

9.00am (with children's liturgy)
10.15am (Family Mass in Abbey Hall)
10.30am (Choral Mass)
12 noon (Sung Mass)
7.00pm (Young people's Mass)

Dear Parishioner,

I am the vine, you are the branches, says Jesus in this Sunday's gospel, which, by chance, was what he said in the gospel for the Solemnity of St George, which gives me the excuse to pivot backwards, to last Tuesday. Now St George doesn't occupy much of our attention or affection nowadays, so 23rd April, the feast of the Patron Saint of England, might have passed us by, or at best, have been cause for regret that St George's cross should have been reduced to a plastic banner for our cars raised in eager anticipation of yet another national disappointment. We should have someone better it is often argued, an ancient king, perhaps, of indubitable holiness, though disputable actual Englishness. If we want someone more modern there's always St John Henry, though to my mind that's a bit unimaginative. How about Mary Potter? Admittedly, since she is merely Venerable she might not be qualified for the role, but I'm sure we could get around that.

For the moment, however, we have George, and he is exactly who we need, precisely because he is not steeped in our own national story. The facts are easy to retell: he's called George and he's a martyr, and the rest is surmise. There's a strong association with Lydia, present day Lod in Israel, and it's possible that his martyrdom occurred in the late 4th Century during the persecution of Diocletian. Onto that otherwise blank slate people have found the person they need. The medievals turned George into a peerless image of chivalry, and from early on there has been the fascinating story of the dragon. Now, let us remember that the story of George & the Dragon is entirely myth, and therefore, of course, completely true; an evil monster is bravely defeated and an oppressed people set free, which is a way of talking about martyrdom, and is a potential truth, certainly a sought after need, in any age.

There are monsters everywhere; monsters of war and want, fear or fury, shame or sadness. They are outside and deep inside and facing them demands a bravery we do not think we have, which is what being brave is all about. And we need help, which is what someone like George is about: an example, a possibility, a prayer. A prayer needed especially it seems where there is conflict, which is perhaps why he is venerated in Ethiopia, on the brink of another terrible, and for us, unremarked, war; in Bosnia Hercegovina, where the frailty of a hard won should concern us more; in Moscow and Kyiv, where he is patron of both; and in the Holy Land.

George witnesses to our connection to all these needy places, because we are all, however small a twig we might feel, part of the vine of Jesus, whether we feel it, or know it, or want it, or not. The monsters we face here might be less dramatic than in other places, but they are real, nonetheless. So let us ask for his prayers, for his witness in our need.

St George, Patron of England, pray for us.

Abbot Martin OSB

Anniversaries from the week commencing 28th April 2024

We pray especially for those anniversaries who occur at this time including:

Judy Ebbett, James Griffin-Roach, Marek November, Hanna Matejewska, Amanda Trafford, Dom Aelred Barnes, Patrick Costello, Martin Thomas Flynn, Jerome Coutinho, Charles Jessop, Francis Clifford, Bridget Bermejo, Richard Sandys, Veronica Mary Heffernan, Jean Johnson, Mary Lyons, Edith Orpin, Guy Mangion, Jane Thompson, Mary Whybrew, Alberta Thaddeus, Bernard Kaukas, Arthur Briginshaw, Andrew Lemon, Peter Manogue, Anne Mary Wickramarante, Ann Fahy, Lourdes Pilar Jones, Betty Hall, Sharon (Jemmy) Fahy

Information & Diary

Sunday 28th April

Annual fundraising lunch in aid of friends of the holy land. 1 pm at the Parish Hall

Monday 29th April *ST CATHERINE OF SIENA*

Bingo 8pm-9pm Parish Hall

Tuesday 30th April

Senior citizens: 1.00-3.00pm Coffee lounge. Meet new friends, sip tea and nibble on freshly made sandwiches and cakes. All welcome!

Toddlers: 9.45-11.45am – parish hall.

Meditation: in the Bulbeck Room with Fr. Robin 6.30pm.

Wednesday 1st May

Thursday 2nd May *St Athanasius*

Toddlers: There will be no Toddlers group this Thursday.

Lectio Divina: 10.00am in the Bulbeck Room with Shiela Rees, refreshments at 11.00am and meditation at 11.15. With Fr Robin.

Friday 3rd May *SS PHILIP & JAMES*

Saturday 4th May *ALL MARTYERS OF ENGLAND AND WALES*

Finance News

Collections 20th & 21st April 2024

Collections figures for 20th & 21st April will be in our next week's bulletin.

We are deeply grateful for the wonderful financial support we receive. If you would like to make a donation to help us to continue to sustain the mission of the Church, share the Gospel and serve those in need, our Bank Account details are:

Bank: Royal Bank of Scotland, 49 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 3AS Account No: 19123696 Sort Code: 16-00-15 Account Name: The Trust of St Benedict's Ealing Abbey

Notices

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

The fund also contributes to Br Bede's studies at Blackfriars in Oxford

The Ealing Abbey Soupkitchen Team is urgently seeking parishioners who would like to serve their local community!

Ealing Abbey has two well established and dynamic teams who prepare and offer every 5-6 weeks a simple meal on Saturday and Sunday respectively. We are part of the Christian Ealing Soupkitchen Community (<https://www.ealingsoupkitchen.org/who-we-are-2/>) at St. John's Church, Mattock Lane. Our Sunday Team needs one or two helpers who are happy to support the SUNDAY TEAM by managing the leadership of the service 4-5 times/year only! NO previous experience or knowledge is required. If you would like to get involved, please contact the Parish Office

Book Circle

Next meeting will be in the Coffee Lounge on Wednesday 1 May at 8.15 pm to discuss 'A Month in the Country' by J L Carr. All are welcome. The book to read for the following meeting is 'Open City' by Teju Cole.'

Liturgy for those affected by Suicide

8 May 2024 at 7.15pm

We are holding a liturgy in the church for those affected by suicide. All are welcome to join and remember the lives lost as we pray together.



PARISH CEILIDH DANCE

The Parish Social Committee has organised a Ceilidh Dance with live band on Saturday 11th May in the evening. See posters in the porches for details for this popular event. Tickets are on sale online at <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DJVR>