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

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SUNDAY 22 IN ORDINARY TIMES

Deut4:1-2,6-8; Jas1:17-18,21-22,27 Mark7:1-8,14-15,21-23



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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,

Jesus is cross. fact he's been cross all week, if you've been listening to the week-day readings which have given us Matthew's version of this Sunday's Gospel from Mark. He's cross (and don't believe all the nonsense about him always even tempered, he really isn't, and he tells jokes as well) because he can't stand how people, and that means us, use words not to express but to cover their thoughts and intentions. The scribes and Pharisees endorse a complicated system of rites that are meant to ensure that we are at rights with God, but which seem to serve mostly as a cover for what they really want; they say it's all about God, but what they do suggests it's all about them. Now, externals do matter; what we see, what people appear to be, how thy look and speak etc. But that essential pre-judgement quickly hardens into prejudice, and what we swiftly observe becomes all we are ever willing to consider about someone.

Yet, if considering only the outside of a person isn't enough, we can also go astray if we think only about the inside. Long ago, in the Good Old Days (which often enough were not especially good, and the customs they valued not particularly old either) I was taught, or at least came to believe, that I was an immortal soul in a perishable body, and that it was my soul that mattered, while my body was at best a convenience and frequently an actual hazard. Now, this is a common, popular idea, with an ancient tradition behind it, but it is not what Christians believe, is it? We believe in the Resurrection of the Body, a strange, almost inexplicable idea, but which urges us to understand that we are complete, whole people, not a secret inside and an all too easily summed up outside.

Often people say to me that they can't stop judging others, and it is true that instant condemnation comes easy to us and is then honed by endless repetition in our thoughts. But the way to deal with this is to try a bit of empathy, to think ourselves into what might be going on inside others, and not to just listen endlessly to our own self justifications. If someone is acting badly in our opinion, we should ask ourselves why we think this happens and not be satisfied with explanations that exculpate ourselves and quickly condemn others. St Benedict calls it Obedience, the act of trying to work out what someone really needs from us, and why. But if we don't bother, if we think bad thoughts, bad acts will soon follow, for our insides and outsides are connected, are, in fact, different aspects of the same thing.

Why is Jesus cross? Because he cares. He cares that we harm ourselves by dividing our insides from our outward expressions. He wants us not to hurt each other, and not to hurt ourselves.

Abbot Martin OSB

Rest in peace: Those who have recently died-

Brendan Declan Hatch

Anniversaries from the week commencing 1st September 2024

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

Mary Phillips, Angela Averson-Maunder, William Bowyer, Margaret Coleman, Zbigniew Seydlitz, Robert Maguire, Mike Parksie, Bob Bries, John Hughes, John Baizley, Mary Anne McLoughlin, Yvonne Burns, Sandra Balogh, Raymond Muncey, Anita Adelburg, Henry Hunt, Ann Patricia O' Kelly, Colm Higgins, Una Gray, Dr Joseph Louis John Kearns, Cristina Crespo, Donald Stuart, Brian Manson, Pat Jennings, Brenda Talbot, Lucy Leonard, Dennis Johnson, Faith Cox, James Mahon, Meg Yahati-McGowan, Valentine Blake, Gabrielle Brett,

Information & Diary

Sunday 1st September

Monday 2nd September

8pm-9pm: Bingo in Parish Hall.

Tuesday 3rd September ST GREGORY THE GREAT

Senior citizens: The group will resume on Tuesday 10th September 2024

Toddlers: The group will resume on Tuesday 10th September 2024.

Meditation: 6.30 pm in the Bulbeck Room, led by Fr Robin.

Parish Aid to the need group meeting at 19.00 in the coffee lounge.

Wednesday 4th September

Thursday 5th September

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

Friday 6th September

Saturday 7th September

Finance News

Collections 24th & 25th August 2024

Offertory, ATM, and others: £2033

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

Jubilee Year Parish Discussion (AM Session) will be held on Wednesday 2nd October 10am-11.30am in the Parish Hall. All welcome!

PARISH CHARITY GOLF DAY SPONSORSHIP

We would be most grateful if you could sponsor a hole at our Parish Charity Golf Day on Friday, 20 September 2024 to raise funds for the upkeep of and improvements to the Parish Centre. For details, please contact the Parish Office. Tel: 020 8194 2301; email: parishoffice@ealingabbey.org.uk.

CHARITY GOLF DAY METHODS OF PAYMENT

To book dinner or golf go to – <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DUKA>
When paying always use the reference 'GOLF' so that it reaches the right account.

Book Circle

Book Circle will next meet on Wednesday 11 September at 8.15 p.m. in the Coffee Lounge to discuss The Prophet Song by Paul Lynch. The book to read for the following meeting is Dissolution by CJ Samson. All are welcome!

Volunteers needed! Renew W5 Wellbeing Safe Space

We're looking for a number of volunteers on a rota basis who could spare 2-3hours once or twice a week to help us run a safe space as part of our Ealing W5 Wellbeing initiative for Ealing Abbey. If this is something you would like to be involved in, please contact Chelle D'cruz, Pastoral Coordinator at chelle@ealingabbey.org.uk or call 020 8194 2302 with your availability.

Fire Safety! Calling all Fire Marshalls and New Volunteers – September/October 2024

We are calling all our existing Fire Marshalls who would like to continue and attend training we are running in October, to get in touch. We are also seeking new volunteers who are interested in being a Fire Marshall at mass, in the event of an emergency. Please contact chelle@ealingabbey.org.uk with the masses you would like to cover, or currently cover, and register for October's training session.

Parish Aid to the Church in Need group

Parish Aid to the Church in Need group 'The Bread & Soup lunch for persecuted Christians in Pakistan' raised £1737. Aid to the Church in Need are very grateful for the St Benedict's parishioners' generosity. All welcome to our meeting on Tuesday 3rd September at 19.00 in the coffee lounge.