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30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
**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.

**BLESSING OF NEW LECTIONARIES & PARISH MASS BOOKS**

At the 6pm mass

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

**SOLEMN 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 refreshments in the Coffee Lounge.

Tickets on sale for **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** after 9am and 10.30am masses.

Tickets are also available online at: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/CUYA>

You can also email: [ealingabbeychoir@gmail.com](mailto:ealingabbeychoir@gmail.com)

**ABBEY CHOIR CHARITY CAKE SAKE**

in the bookshop porch after 9am and 10.30am masses.

**Friday, 6<sup>th</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 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**ADVENT RETREAT WITH HOLY HOUR**

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

**11.15am** Advent talk on the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope" (Jubilee Year 2025) led by Abbot Martin in the Newman Chapel, followed by soup and sandwiches (£5 per person) in the Old Workshop after.

Please RSVP for catering by Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December to [chelle@ealingabbey.org.uk](mailto:chelle@ealingabbey.org.uk). All welcome! *Scan QR Code for more information.*



**GURNELL GROVE Christmas Fair**

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

✧ **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent ✧

**SVP (Society of St. Vincent de Paul) APPEAL & 2<sup>nd</sup> collection.** Speaker at all Masses.

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Extra Confessions 5.30-6.00pm



**Saturday 14<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. Advance booking is strongly recommended

❧ **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent ❧

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - Extra Confessions 5.30pm-6.00pm

❧ **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent ❧

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** – Extra Confessions 5.15pm-6.00pm



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

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

**Thursdays in Advent** - 7.45-8.15pm

**Fridays: - 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December** 5.30-6.00pm

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>**: 5.15pm-6.00pm

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve)**: 10am to 12pm and 3.30pm-5pm

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>**: Confessions as normal

**Parish Office during Christmas**

The Parish Office will be closed during the Christmas period from 12.30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December and reopen on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 at 09.30am.

**[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 ❧

Mass Times: - 07.00am, 09.15am

There will be NO 6pm evening mass. Confessions: 10am-12pm and 3.30pm-5.00pm

**Blessing of the Crib, 3.00pm**

Children come dressed as shepherds, angels, kings.  
Please check the website for updates and rehearsal dates.

**Solemn Vespers 6.00pm: the Evening Prayer of Christmas Eve** sung in Latin and led by the Monastic Community. There will be NO 6pm 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 ❧

Wednesday 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

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

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December: Masses at 7.00am, 9.15am, 6.00pm

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December: Feast of The Holy Innocents

Masses at 7.00am, 9.15am, 6pm

❧ Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December ❧ Holy Family

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

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December: New Year's Eve Eucharistic Adoration and Mass-  
Confession 10.00-11.00pm, Adoration 10.00-11.30pm, Mass 11.30pm

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025: 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 5th 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 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024: 'ORSZAK'

Procession of the Three Kings – To be confirmed