



Ealing Abbey Church of St. Benedict Newsletter and Information bulletin

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SUNDAY 1 OF ADVENT

Jer 33 :14-16; 1 Thess 3 : 13 - 4:2 ; Luke 21 : 25-28, 34-36



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If you would like to start receiving an extended version of the newsletter by email on a fortnightly basis – contact Chelle

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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

<u>MASSES</u>
7.00am (With the Monks)
9.15am
6.00pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday)

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)

CONFESSION:

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

Dear Parishioner,

“Stay awake! Be alert - your liberation is close at hand!” On this first Sunday of Advent, we’re invited into a time of holy waiting as we prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus.

Firstly, we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus 2000+ years ago. It’s a time of rejoicing and thanksgiving for the birth of Jesus – when the Word became Flesh and lived among us. He became one of us, so that, in Him, we might recognise that we are children of God and brothers and sisters to one another.

Luke goes on to tell us about the Second Coming, at the end of time, when Jesus will come “in a cloud with power and great glory!”

Yet there is another kind of “coming” which is the coming of Jesus into our minds and hearts. – This presence of Jesus in us and in our world is both in the past, the future and NOW! It is happening! The “signs” are not necessarily dramatic, as in the Second Coming, and we can easily miss them. That’s why we need to “Stay awake! Be alert!”

This is a challenge for most of us! After all, we have so many legitimate concerns: the cost of living, the future of our children, and so many more - not forgetting the terrible and fearful happenings in our world, broadcast daily by the media.

It’s hardly surprising if we miss the slow yet sure growth of the Kingdom of God in us and among us which is often hidden except from those who “stay awake” and “pay attention.” Small yet wonderful discoveries, such as the kindness of strangers, a word of encouragement, a helping hand or a listening ear, don’t only cheer us up but they are signs of the Kingdom and give us HOPE. It can be helpful to share them with others - family, community or friends or even someone I meet on the bus! In so doing, we will be helping to build up the body of Christ and preparing the way for the Second Coming of Jesus in glory.

Sr. Marie McDonald MSOLA

Anniversaries from the week commencing 1st December 2024

Gregory Flack, Vera Billinge, Donald Moorman, Eileen Duffy,
Renée Televiak, Admiral Anthony Cooke, Ursula Downs, Agnes Keating,
Giles Carson, Alan Outten, Eleanor Shuldham, Stella Smith, Phelim Martin,
Peter St Leger Moore, Shirley Divers, Gerald Valvona, Gladys Bush, Anthony
Quinn, Magdalena Cole, Sonya Longfield, Juanito Villa Solis, Theresa Sandhu,
Lucy Gostwick, John Hornibrook, James Martin Connolly, Herman Hutler,
Ann Bishop, Vincent Bifulco, Margaret (Peggy) Keenan, Marjorie Morrell,
George Rumford, Brian Taylor, Monica McDowell, Henryk Bucia,
Ruth Ferraris, James (Jim) Lilley

Information & Diary

Sunday 1st December 1st Sunday of Advent

5.00pm: SOLEMN VESPERS for the First Sunday of Advent at Abbey church.
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.

Monday 2nd December

8-9pm: Bingo in Parish Hall.

Tuesday 3rd December St Francis Xavier

9.45-11.45am: Toddlers – Parish Hall.

1pm-3pm: Senior citizens -Coffee lounge

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

Wednesday 4th December

7.00-8.15 pm: Ealing Abbey Lay Plainchant Choir, Maurice Fowler Hall. New
members/beginners welcome. For further information, see www.ealpc.org.

Thursday 5th December

9.45-11.45am: Toddlers- Parish Hall.

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

Friday 6th December

2.30pm: Prayers for the Teens Group - Newman chapel

Saturday 7th December St Ambrose

9.15-2pm: Parish Advent Retreat (see back page for more details)

Finance News

Collections 23rd & 24th November 2024

Offertory, ATM, and others: £1451

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

How you can support Ealing Winter Night Shelter at Ealing Abbey on Fridays and Saturdays from 3rd Jan 2025 – 14th Feb 2025

If you would like to get involved this year to help **Deacon Alex**, please reach out directly atjamesalexburkel@btinternet.com to express your interest. In the porches are a list of all the roles we require, along with dates and times. These would be Fridays and Saturdays for 6 weeks from Friday 3rd January 2025 to Friday 14th February 2025. We especially need overnight support if you can assist.

Thanksgiving for our New Lectionaries and Parish Mass Books Donors

A special thanks once again to all our donors who contributed generously towards our New Lectionaries and Parish Mass books. Donors, please email Chelle chelle@ealingabbey.org.uk with your favourite scripture quote if you've not yet done so, as we will translate these using the new translation and include this with your name in our thanksgiving book.

Parish Advent Retreat with Holy Hour

Saturday 7th December (9.15am-2pm). Starts with 9.15am Mass, followed by Holy Hour 10.00-11.00am and an Advent talk on the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope" (Jubilee Year 2025) led by Abbot Martin in the Newman Chapel at 11.15am, followed by soup and sandwiches (at £5 per person) in the Old Workshop after. Please RSVP for catering by Thursday 5th December to chelle@ealingabbey.org.uk. All welcome! *Scan QR Code for more information.*



Renew Wellbeing Volunteers Update

Thank you to all those who volunteered to help us start a safe space here at Ealing Abbey, out of the two mornings we have chosen for these to run weekly on a Wednesday from 10am-12pm, as Haven Green Baptist Church run theirs Monday morning. Our new target date for the sessions to start is Wednesday 12th March 2025. If you would still like to get involved, please reach out to Chelle with your details and to arrange a meeting and DBS check with our Safeguarding team as this is required by the Diocese. We are holding in-person training arranged for volunteers on Monday 16th December, please contact Chelle for more information at chelle@ealingabbey.org.uk or on 020 8194 2302.

Food bank collection

We are conducting a three-month trial (Oct to Dec) in which as well as Sunday morning we are collecting items for the food bank before and after Mass on Saturday evening also. The December food bank collection will be on Sat 14th/Sun 15th Dec so that the food bank can get items distributed in time for Christmas.

Carols by Candlelight

Tickets for Carols by Candlelight on Saturday 14th December are on sale in the bookshop porch after masses on the 1st December, via e-mail (ealingabbeychoir@gmail.com) or through Try Booking (<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DYZI>)

Advent Art & prayer workshop – December

The next Art & prayer workshop will be Saturday 14th December 10am-12pm in the Bulbeck room. To book contact Karolina by email at rozamarias@gmail.com, or 07508 020 822 to book.

Recycled Christmas Cards

Unfortunately, some packs were sold recently with no envelopes. If your packs lack envelopes, please phone 8998 0816 and they will be provided. With apologies.