



Ealing Abbey Church of St. Benedict Newsletter and Information bulletin

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SUNDAY 4 OF ADVENT

Mic 5: 1-4a ; Heb 10: 5-10 ; Luke 1: 39-45



Useful Contacts

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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)

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,

You're coming to see me! I can't wait!

The video-call; Facetime; Zoom; Teams! They're amazing and they make such a difference when time and location make it impossible to meet up in person. But they are always, and will always be, second best. Yes, better than emailing, texting or a phone call. But nothing beats calling into see someone or meeting up for a coffee, meal etc.

These moments of encounter, of just being with each other take on a deeper more meaningful significance when that other person has died or can no longer communicate the way they used to or have moved away to another country or continent. It is a good and wonderful thing to be able to say, "Yes, I'm so glad we spent quality time with each other. I'm so glad, I made the effort, made the time."

Our Gospel today, the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth is a wonderful moment and an incredible encounter. After being told some incredible and earthshattering news, what is the first thing Mary does, even though she is now with child? She immediately makes the four day journey into the hill country of Judea to visit and be with her older cousin Elizabeth and see for herself yet more earthshattering news. And in the moment when she arrives and sets eyes on Elizabeth, something more incredible happens, Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and the babe in her womb leaps for joy!

That sensation, that urgency that tells you, drives you, to go and see to be near, to be with someone who will understand, who will be able to help you make sense of this incredible shocking and life-changing news. The joy and instant recognition of realities that point beyond what the eye can see. This ultimately is a celebration of God. The Holy One taking the initiative and coming into our world in the most intimate and vulnerable way possible.

Make time to visit the ones you love this Christmas!

Fr Ambrose OSB PP

Anniversaries from the week commencing 22nd December 2024

Nellie Power, Michael Daly, Anthony Lloyd, Andrée Sakwa, James Lafferty, Lorraine Byrne, Kevin Kelly, Marjorie Morgan, Sylwia Makowska, Michael Daly, Richard McHale, James Toal, Nellie Cowlin, Rose Jadowska, George Majcherczyk, David Doughty, Russell Knight, Kazimierz Dabrowski, Sylvia Ainge, Anne Harvey, Joan Kylie, Alan Coombes, Halina Mikosza, Eric Malins, Peter Byrne, Leslie Bobbett, David Stirzaker, Juana De Arata, Abbot Charles Pontifex, Thomas Weekes, Valentine Cambier, Edward Mullin, Kathleen Frangakis, Sandra O'Brian, Alexander Pendlebury, Dennis Carrol, Patrick D'Arcy, Brenda Beirne, Hanna Alsabagh, David Iggulden, Alicia Michorowska, Dennis Flach, Antonio Piccolotti, Giovanni Grudici, Eileen Elliott

Information & Diary

Sunday 22nd December

Monday 23rd December

8-9pm: Bingo in Parish Hall.

Tuesday 24th December

Toddlers – The group is in recess until Tuesday 7th January.

Senior citizens - The group is in recess until Tuesday 7th January

6.30pm- Meditation: The group is in recess until Tuesday 7th January.

Wednesday 25th December *THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD*

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 26th December *ST STEPHEN*

10.00am: Lectio Divina: The group is in recess until Tuesday 9th January.

Friday 27th December *ST JOHN*

Saturday 28th December *HOLY INNOCENTS*

Finance News

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 atjamesalexburke1@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.

THE VINCENT DE PAUL

THE VINCENT DE PAUL, KINDLY REQUEST THE FOLLOWING ITEMS (ONLY) FOR MEN, WHO ARE HOMELESS, IN OUR AREA.

1. WARM JACKETS/COATS.
2. JUMPERS/SWEATSHIRTS/HOODIES
3. T SHIRTS. (PREFERABLY LONG SLEEVED)
- 4 NEW UNDERWEAR AND LEGGINGS.
5. TRAINERS/SHOES.
6. SLEEPING BAGS.

Give Mary a call on: 07443422213 to arrange delivery/or collection

Jubilee Year Parish Discussions – Follow up sessions in January 2025

Join us on Wednesday, 8th January 2025 at 10am-11.30am OR on Wednesday, 15th January 2025 at 7.30pm-8.45pm in the Parish Hall for our follow up discussions on the Jubilee Year. Scan QR Code for a summary of our October's discussions.



The Procession of The Three Kings

The Procession of The Three Kings will take place on Sunday 12th January 2025. We meet in Dickens Yard, by Christ the Saviour Church in Ealing Broadway at 12.30 for a 1pm start. We will walk to Ealing Abbey, where on the steps a Holy Family will be waiting. The Kings will present their gifts on the steps, followed by a short religious service in the church.

Book Circle

The next meeting will be in the Coffee Lounge at 8.15 pm on Wednesday 15 January to discuss Small Pleasures by Clare Chambers. The book to read for the following meeting is Crook Manifesto by Colson Whitehead.

A Course in Gilding with Peter Murphy

Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025

a five-day course suitable for beginners and advanced students. No artistic experience required. The aim of the course is to introduce students to different elements of gilding techniques. It will be held at the Christian Art Studio, 2 Montpelier Avenue, Ealing W5 2XP. The course fee of £450 includes provision of a Miroslav Zivanovic panel, gold leaf, pigments, brushes, specialist gilding tools, burnishers, punchers etc. A deposit of £100 is required to reserve a place. For more information and to book please email info@christianartstudio.org.

E-Newsletters & Parish bulletin

Please note there will be no E-Newsletters during December 2024, these will resume in January. The next news bulletin will resume on 5th January 2025.

Parish office Christmas Closure

The Parish office will close at 12.30pm on December 20th and will reopen at 09.30am on 2nd January 2025. The Parish Team wishes you a happy and blessed Christmas season.