



Ealing Abbey Church of St. Benedict Newsletter and Information bulletin

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SUNDAY 2 IN ORDINARY TIME

Isa 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; John 2:1-11



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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,

Those among us who have parented children know only too well the importance attached to the ritual of giving a name to a son or daughter. It is usually done after much thought on the part of the parents, and rightly so. The prophet Isaiah knew only too well how important names are to people, which is why he tries to comfort a despondent Israel by telling them that “you will be called by a new name.....no longer ‘Forsaken’ or ‘Abandoned’ but ‘My delight’, and your land shall be ‘Married.’”

And we learn that the wedding is very definitely on as we listen to the gospel describing the first of Jesus’ signs at the marriage feast in Cana. At this particular wedding, a symbol of the relationship between the divine and the human, the mother of Jesus is present as is Jesus himself, no doubt both as invited guests. Mary is a mediator for the human-divine relationship and speaks on behalf of the human side. She is as one writer describes her ‘humanity aware of its lack, conscious that it cannot live to the fullest without continual communion with God.’ So she speaks to Jesus, the God-side as it were of this human-divine relationship, the haunting and poignant words of all human deficiency: “They have no wine.” In other words, humans have lost their union with God and, by implication, their communion with one another.

The story-teller here calls drama of Cana a “sign”. And like all signs they work on two levels: there is the surface or literal sense that is known by the senses, and the spiritual level into which we are invited to participate. We often stay rooted in the literal sense and are conscious of what we can see, touch, taste, hear and smell and only occasionally do we move on from that. Significantly there is hardly any emphasis on the miraculous aspects of the story, where water turns to wine, it is very much downplayed and only casually mentioned when the steward tastes the water that had now become wine, and not just any old wine but 120 gallons of premier cru! So the steward compliments the bridegroom for keeping the best wine til last. But he is complimenting the wrong bridegroom because Jesus is the one who has supplied wine in abundance, and in doing so has revealed his glory. Jesus’ ultimate generosity of course is seen most clearly when he gives his life as a sign of his love. In the Eucharist we share in his body and blood and we are united to him, and to each other, in a most precious way. The words of the prophet Isaiah again ring loud and clear: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name: You are Mine.

Deacon Alex

Anniversaries from the week commencing 19th January 2025

Mary Richards, Thomas Joyce, Patrick Burke, Mabel Tobin,
Zbigniew Nehrebecki, Denis Ford, Maria McKay,
John Henry, Dominic Jansen, Carol Annett,
Peter William Talary, Neil Warner, Luke O'Reilly,
Gerald Chilver, Sydney Jackson, Timothy Kennelly,
Mark Henry, Dorothy Long, David Morris,
Zena Rodrigues, Katherine Read-Jones,
Dino Fruzza, John Caniff, Alexander Serville,
Patricia Lowndes, John Ross, Anna Cronshaw,
Helen Ishiguro, Daria Downe, Patricia Moloney,
Maureen Borland, Eileen Jackson, Maria Raggio,
Kathleen Flatt, James Anthony McKenna, George Stringer,
Kathleen Kearns, Anne Oller, Imre Gabanyi, Frank Smith,
Anne Malley, Michael Peters, Joseph Bugeja,
Maria Kapuscinka

Information & Diary

Sunday 19th January

Monday 20th January

8-9pm: Bingo in Parish Hall.

Tuesday 21st January St Agnes

9.45-11.45am: Toddlers – Parish Hall.

1pm-3pm: Senior citizens -Coffee lounge

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

Wednesday 22nd January

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 23rd January

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 Burgess.

Friday 24th St Francis de Sales

Saturday 25th January THE CONVERSION OF ST PAULS

Finance News

Collections 5th January 2025

Offertory, ATM, and others: £2322

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

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

Celebrate the gift of Marriage and Family Life - Sunday, 9th February 2025.

During the 9am mass, we will celebrate the gift of marriage and family life with the renewal of marriage vows. All are welcome to come along and gather in the Benet Bar after mass.

A Course in Mosaics for Iconography with Martin Earle.

Monday 17th to 21st March 2025

The Christian Art Studio at Ealing Abbey is offering a 5-day mosaic course suitable for beginners, hobbyists and the more experienced, no artistic experience is required. The aim is to introduce students to practical elements of building mosaics and the tradition of Christian Mosaic making. Students will work on a couple of projects, one simple and one more intricate.

All work will be guided by expert award winning Christian liturgical artist Martin Earle.

Specialist equipment and all materials will be provided by the studio for students use and students will come away with two completed projects. Fee £400 including £100 deposit to be paid on booking. Please email info@christianartstudio for a booking form, booking for this course will close Friday 14th of Feb (or as soon as places sell out)

Recycled Christmas

warmest thanks to all those who contributed to raising £425 for the work of the Medical Missionaries of Mary throughout the world by buying recycled cards, and by donating used cards.

Be a Pilgrim of Hope this Jubilee Year

With various volunteering opportunities including supporting Ealing Winter Night Shelter Fridays and Saturdays from 3rd Jan 2025 – 14th Feb 2025, joining Benedict Renew (W5 Renew Wellbeing) to help us run a weekly safe space from March 2025, and taking a look at our noticeboard with all our volunteering opportunities.

Renew Wellbeing Updates

Our Renew Wellbeing group here at Ealing Abbey, will be called 'Benedict's Renew'. Thank you to all our volunteers who have expressed an interest and attended the recent training. We are calling for more volunteers, who can spare just 2 hours a week on a Wednesday 10am-12pm to help us run a weekly safe space starting Wednesday 12th March 2025

What is involved?

No specific skills are required - you just need to show up, commit, be kind, be willing to lend an ear/listen if people want to talk. There are a number of things you could get involved in depending what you feel comfortable doing and what skills you might be able to bring: Be hospitable (teas/coffee making), help to arrange weekly activities eg board games/ craft, just provide company on the day or a quiet space for reflective prayer(s) to read short prayers provided of the day).

If you would still like to join and be part of this initiative, important to provide a space for people's wellbeing where it's safe, non-judgemental and a space people can meet, pray or socialise - please get in touch with Chelle chelle@ealingabbey.org.uk You'll have access to useful resources/training. If you would like to join as a core volunteer (weekly), fortnightly or monthly or help in a 'leader' capacity, to run these, we'd love to hear from you.