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

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SUNDAY 5 OF LENT

Isa 43: 16-21; Phil 3 : 8-14; John 8: 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

MASSES

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,

Today's gospel, in this final stretch of Lent, is such a powerful testimony to the mercy and justice of God and it is right that we are reminded of that. The question for each of us I suppose is whether we are deserving of God's mercy? There is a story of a young French soldier who deserted Napoleon's army only to be recaptured within days. Like the woman in John, the young man was facing an automatic death sentence. Whereupon the young soldier's mother went to Napoleon and pleaded for mercy. Napoleon's reply was that the crime of desertion was so serious that he clearly did not deserve mercy. "I know he doesn't deserve mercy," the mother replied "but it wouldn't be mercy if he deserved it."

Jesus is really testing the patience of his audience, the scribes and Pharisees. After all they are simply doing what the law requires. But Jesus does not criticise the law, rather he turns his attention to the lawyers, the accusers. He doesn't say to them that the woman is innocent but neither is he persuaded by the innocence of her accusers. So we are invited to check our own track record on sin. To the accusers' credit they back off. The challenge for us is whether we can see ourselves not as the woman caught in adultery but as the person who is caught up in forgiveness. The story itself is missing from the earliest manuscripts of John's gospel perhaps suggesting that the early Church had some difficulty with Jesus and in the way that many people today have with God: really believing in what Graham Green has called "the awful strangeness of God's mercy." But isn't that the whole point of mercy, that no-one actually deserves it? We might call for justice, and so we should because that is what being human demands of us. Mercy, on the other hand, is sheer gift.

Deacon Alex

Anniversaries from the week commencing 6th April 2025

Charlotte Elliott, John Lavelle, Rita Rea, Francis O'Beirne, Kay Curran, Daniel Dougan, Margaret Frost, Claire Briggshaw, Dr. Wedad Abadir, Kevin Collis, Gladys Kaminski, Edward Toal, Alice Khamoo Roye, David Moclair, Helena Costello, Winona Darwin, Patrick Hartnett, Janina Lubowiecka, Patrick Devereux, Anne English, Linda Priechenfried, Sister Maria Carabott MSOLA, Rosalie Taylor, Wilhemine Alexandrakis, Thomas Ronan, Brian Rees, Anna Lupa Daniel Browning, Doris O'Kelly, Dorothy Costelloe, Evelyn Daly, Bridget Ryan, Brian Cummings, Michael Ainslie, Ursula Felicity Wilimowski

Information & Diary

Sunday 6th April

Monday 7th April

8-9pm: Bingo in Parish Hall.

Tuesday 8th April

9.45-11.45: Toddlers – Parish Hall.

1pm-3pm: Senior citizens-Coffee lounge.

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

Wednesday 9th April

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

Thursday 10th April

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 11th April *Blessed George Gervase priest and martyr*

1.30pm: Stations of the Cross

5.30-6.00pm: Confessions

8.20pm: Stations of the Cross

Saturday 12th April

Notices

Finance News

Collections 30th March 2025

Offertory, ATM, and others: £1679

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

LENT & HOLY WEEK 2025

Visit the **Lent & Holy Week** page on our website for events, schedules and information during Lent including our Parish Lenten Appeal, to help you prepare for a blessed Lenten season.

Download our full Lenten program at: ealingabbeyparish.uk/news/

Children's Passion Liturgy Rehearsals - take place on 16th and 17th April at 10am-11am in the church. You just need to turn up on the day to join. Parents are welcome to stay if they wish!

What is the Jubilee Year 2025? Pilgrims of Hope, what does it mean?

We have created a dedicated page on our website which contains everything you need to know about The Jubilee Year 2025 with useful resources e.g. The Jubilee Year prayer, hymn, and letter from The Holy Father, key dates and events including our Parish Pilgrimage to Rome and Parish Discussion summaries. Visit ealingabbeyparish.uk/jubilee-year-2025/ or scan QR code for more.



Walk of Witness – Good Friday, 18th April 2025 Volunteers

We're still in urgent need for more volunteers to help with Walk of Witness, contact Chelle to help as marshal at: chelle@ealingabbey.org.uk

South Leg 10am: St Mary's Church W5 5RH

North Leg: 10.15am Ealing Abbey W5 5DY

11am : Short service in the grounds of Christ the Saviour Church W5 2XA

Followed by hot cross buns at Haven Green Baptist Church afterwards, located at W5 2UP.

All are welcome to join and attend!

Benedict Renew Volunteers – New & Existing. Vote for target date

If you have already volunteered or would like to volunteer to be part of our weekly Benedict Renew wellbeing group at Ealing Abbey on a Wednesday 10am-12pm. Please reach out to Chelle with your preferred choice of start date, we will then determine whether to start **June OR September 2025** based on the majority. Contact chelle@ealingabbey.org.uk to vote by 9th April 2025 EOP. If you'd like to join our team of volunteers, please contact Chelle asap for next steps.



Get involved and volunteer at Ealing Abbey

We have many opportunities including a 9am choir master/mistress, candle stands cleaning, walk of witness procession marshals on Good Friday, Benedict Renew team, Children's Liturgy and much more. Visit our volunteering page for a full list of roles at ealingabbeyparish.uk/volunteering-opportunities/ or scan the QR code. Contact Chelle chelle@ealingabbey.org.uk if you would like to dedicate your time and talents.

CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal

Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church or you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or scan the QR code or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.



Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2025

This Holy Year invites us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. We invite you to consider supporting work being done in the Diocese of Westminster to bring hope into many lives. Your contributions will help fund vital projects across our Diocese, including Youth & Evangelisation, Social Action, Marriage & Family Life, and Catholic Education Initiatives. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, extends his heartfelt thanks to all who give what they can to this meaningful cause. Donation envelopes are available today, and you can also contribute online using the QR code. Thank you for your kindness and support.