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

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SUNDAY 7 OF EASTER

Acts 7: 55-60; Rev 22: 12-14,16-17,20; John 17: 20-26



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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)

CONFESSION:

<u>Saturday</u>: 10am-11am/4pm-5pm, <u>Thursday</u>: 7.45pm-8.15pm

#### **SUNDAY MASS**

9.00am (with children's liturgy) 10.15am (Family Mass in Abbey Hall) (Choral Mass) 10.30am

12 noon (Sung Mass) (Young people's Mass) 7.00pm

## Dear Parishioner,

This Sunday's readings bring us to the threshold of Pentecost. Jesus is praying—praying for His disciples and for us—while Stephen, the first Christian martyr, is being stoned for his bold witness. At the same time, the Book of Revelation gives us one of the final invitations in Scripture: "Come!" It's an urgent call to remain faithful and to long for Christ's return.

Today, in our parish, we also witness something deeply encouraging: a group of our young people are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Their "yes" to the gifts of the Holy Spirit echoes the same courage and trust we see in the early Church and in Jesus' own prayer for us in the Gospel of John.

What unites these readings and today's Confirmation is a call to stand firm in faith, rooted in love and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear about Stephen, who, "full of the Holy Spirit," speaks the truth even in the face of violence. It's a difficult scene—one of pain, but also one of great clarity. Stephen sees the heavens opened, and he forgives those who are killing him. That's not human strength; that's the Spirit at work.

In the Gospel Jesus is about to be arrested, but what is He doing? He's praying for unity, for protection, for love. He prays "that they may all be one," and that "the love with which you have loved me may be in them" and that includes each of us.

What's remarkable is how both Stephen and Jesus show a kind of spiritual calm, a deeper peace. That's the fruit of faith, and the gift of the Spirit. And it's what we want for our young people being Confirmed today.

And the reading from Revelation gives the final, hopeful word. It is Christ's own voice saying: "I am coming soon... Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price."

This is a personal invitation to each of us. Are we thirsty? Are we seeking the deeper meaning of life? Then come - come to the Lord. Come to the Sacraments. Come to the community of the Church. Come to the Spirit.

Let's prepare our hearts for Pentecost, trusting that the Spirit who came at the beginning is still with us, still guiding, still strengthening.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love!

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Ian

Anniversaries from the week commencing 1st June 2025

Dom Basil Bolton, Helena Clarke, Margaret Lambert, George Hammond,
Desmond Watson, Joe Nolan, James Rooney, Annie Cecil, Dorothy Doyle,
Marcella Lynch, Margaret Peralta, Frederick Pedley, Thomas Sweetman,
Mary Lyle, Christopher Brassel, Marina Goncalves, Martina O'Brien,
Eileen (Ellen) Hartnett, Gregg Ambrose, Anthony Beaulieu, Frank Gormally,
Bernard Huni, Mary Diggin, Terence Nankivell, Michael Fogarty-Waul,
Arthur Anstis, Sally McCormack, Bernard Harwood, Norman Quinnen,
Mary Brain, Thomas Divers, Gladys Hillman, Gilbert Altmeyer, Olga Segré,
Elizabeth Lyons, Giannina Stopczynski, Mary Tobin, Daniel McSwiggan

# Information & Diary

Sunday 1st June

12.00pm: Confirmation Mass-Bishop Jim Curry 3.00pm: Confirmation Mass-Bishop Jim Curry

Monday 2nd June

8-9pm: Bingo in Parish Hall.

Tuesday 3rd June St Charles Lwanga & Comp

1.00-3.00pm: Senior citizens in the Coffee Lounge

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

Wednesday 4th June

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

Thursday 5th June St Boniface

9.30-12.30pm: Toddlers in the 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 6th June

9.45-12.30pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -Newman Chapel

2.30pmpm: Pray for our Teen -Newman Chapel

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June

3-5pm: Charismatic prayer group-Coffee Lounge

6.00pm: Pentecost Vigil mass followed by a Bring and Share food social gathering in the Benet Bar at 7pm. All welcome!

## <u>Finance News</u>

Collections 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Offertory, ATM, and others: £5099.66 Thank you for your generosity

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: 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

#### First Holy communion and youth group

Registration for first Holy Communion and Youth Group 2025/2026 is now open. See our web site for more details or contact formation@ealingabbey.org.uk

#### **Catholic Communication Network**

The second collection for Catholic Communication Network will take place today 1st June 2025

# Parish Events June 2025

Saturday, 7th June 2025

Pentecost Vigil and bring and share food social gathering

Join us to celebrate Pentecost with a 6pm Vigil mass followed by a Bring and Share food social gathering in the Benet Bar a 7pm, after mass. All welcome!

Bring a favourite dish, or dish from your country to share as we gather as one family, to celebrate Pentecost as a Parish. You can drop this off to the social committee from 5.30pm in the Benet Bar. Contact <a href="mailto:chelle@ealingabbey.org.uk">chelle@ealingabbey.org.uk</a> if you'd like to make something.

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025 Art & Prayer Workshop – Theme of Rest & Worship Join 10am-12pm in Bulbeck room, contact Karolina Stolarska rozamarias@gmail.com to book

Thursday 19th - Saturday 21st June: 40 Hours Adoration

Please join us for our Eucharistic Adoration 40 hours. We hope you can commit to an hour or more as we prepare for Corpus Christi. There are sheets in both porches for you to choose a slot, along with prayer intentions for you to fill out and leave in the baskets. Please sign up!

Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025: Corpus Christi
Join us to celebrate Corpus Christi Sunday with a procession at the 12pm mass followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall after mass. All welcome!



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#### **Book Circle**

Next meeting is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 8.15 pm in the Coffee Lounge to discuss Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen. The book to read for the following meeting in July is Moon Tiger by Penelope Lively. All are very welcome to join us.

#### Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

'The next parish Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is Tuesday June 10th 19.00 hrs in the Coffee Lounge. All welcome to join us.

#### St Augustine's Priory

Discover the spirit of St Augustine's Priory at their Senior Open Morning on Saturday 21st June 2025, 10.00am–12.00pm and stay on to enjoy the fun and festivities of our vibrant Summer Fair from 12.00 - 4.00pm. Find out more at www.sapriory.com

#### Urgent accommodation needed for two brothers

We have had a request in from two brothers who are facing eviction in 2-months, if you are able to rent a two bedroom flat or large one bedroom flat to them please contact Chelle, Pastoral Coordinator at chelle@ealingabbey.org.uk or on their number direct at 07789 181 569.

#### Heartfelt thank you

Thank you to all those who were involved in preparing for the Liturgy of those affected by suicide on Wednesday, 28th May. Special thanks also to our readers Elizabeth Elive and Alessandro Boscarelli and musicians: Fabrizia Boscarelli, Elisabeth Wareham and Mary Venn, our Pastoral Council members: Ibi Abasi, Brendan Curran, Stephen Balogh and David Evans, as well as Eileen Burgess, Mary Nolan for their hospitality and Sarita D'cruz for all their help on the day. May we continue to pray for all those affected by suicide. If you would like any support, please contact Chelle at <a href="mailto:chelle@ealingabbey.org.uk">chelle@ealingabbey.org.uk</a>