



Ealing Abbey Church of St. Benedict Newsletter and Information bulletin

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SUNDAY 4 OF EASTER

Acts 13: 14,43-52 ; Rev 7: 9, 14b-17; John 10: 27-30



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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,

Today, the 4th Sunday of Easter, is traditionally Good Shepherd Sunday and Vocation Sunday. Last week we heard Jesus commission Simon Peter to look after his sheep and lambs, and today Jesus shows how he, one with the Father, is the good shepherd.

I imagine that not many of us feel comfortable, or affirmed in our dignity, in being compared with a sheep – but when the image of sheep and shepherd is used in the Bible, we see that the emphasis is actually focused on the role of the shepherd. Sheep, as we might be prepared to admit about ourselves also, need to be cared for. The shepherd's task is to provide food, water and shelter, to protect the flock against predators and manage each sheep's health - those who watch programmes about farming life may have some insights into what all this involves today. In Jesus' time the shepherd was a familiar figure on the stony Judaeen uplands, and people could see how the shepherd took patient care of his flock, with constant vigilance and with courage that risked his own life. In the Second Reading from Revelations, the self-sacrifice of the Lamb of God leads to the Lamb being declared the shepherd of that great multitude, who will guide them to God's comforting.

It seems that it is literally true that the sheep know and follow the Eastern shepherd's voice and that the shepherds lead the flock. Today, we can pray for each other that we may hear and follow Jesus' voice as he leads us through the coming week – probably a quiet voice, not a commanding voice, that keeps us aware of others who are also 'the flock'. That voice may encourage us to reach out further, as Paul and Barnabas did in sharing the good news, in whatever way presents itself this week.

On this Sunday we ask the Father, to whom the sheep belong, to gift our priests with the heart of a good shepherd and to call more shepherds for his flock. As I'm writing this, the Conclave has not started: let us earnestly pray for the new Pope, whoever he may be, that he might 'smell of the sheep' as Pope Francis liked to say, with a pastor's concern for all the flock in our complex and beautiful world.

Sr. Catherine M. Afr

Anniversaries from the week commencing 11th May 2025

*Adam Rukita, Dennis Foster , Sister Mary Paul, Frederick Fernandes,
Elizabeth Kinnaird, Lola Marcangelo, John Griffin, Damian Bugeja,
Mary Evans, Griselda Jascoll, Mary Cremin, Alexander Leverton, David Pass,
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Elizabeth Kowalska, Kathryn Jones, Sr Mary Briody, Marianne Yacoub,
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Information & Diary

Sunday 11th May

9am: First Holy Communion Mass

12pm: First Holy Communion Mass

1pm-3pm: Parish Lenten Luncheon in aid of raising funds for Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter, Parish Hall.

Monday 12th May

8-9pm: Bingo in Parish Hall.

Tuesday 13th May

1.00-3.00pm: Senior citizens in the Coffee Lounge

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

Wednesday 14th May ST MATTHIAS

Thursday 15th May St Pachomius

9.30-12.30: 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 16th May

Saturday 17th May

3-5pm: Charismatic prayer group. Coffee lounge

Finance News

Collections 4th May 2025

Offertory, ATM, and others: £2415

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

Upcoming Parish Events- Save the dates:

Saturday 24th May

Art and Prayer workshop focused on theme of Pentecost, 10am-12pm in the Bulbeck room. See posters for info, or contact Karolina to register interest at: rozamarias@gmail.com

Wednesday 28th May

Liturgy for those affected by suicide 7.30pm

You are welcome to come along and support. We gather at 7.15pm in the Church, followed by refreshments in the coffee lounge

Thursday 29th May

Ascension Thursday – Holy day of obligation

Masses at usual times with an extra mass at 8pm

Saturday, 7th June

Pentecost Vigil Mass 6pm, followed by an International Bring & Share Food Social event to celebrate Pentecost in the Benet Bar after Mass. Join us at 7pm. Bring a dish from your country and share your culture, as we celebrate Pentecost together as one family.

Contact Chelle if you'd like to bring something at: chelle@ealingabbey.org.uk

Priest Training Fund

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 50 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 13 of whom are from our own Diocese. 2 of these are deacons for Westminster. We also have 2 seminarians at the Royal English College in Valladolid. Last year 3 deacons who studied at Allen Hall were ordained priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation envelope, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Ealing Abbey Parish – Pilgrimage to Rome

4 nights 17th-20th Nov with Tangney Tours. Places still available!

Led by Greg Smith. Full package price £1025 per person includes half board accommodation £120 single room supplement .BA flights from Heathrow. Full itinerary included.

For further details and a booking form please contact Sarah at Tangney Tours, Email: sarah@tangney-tours.com. Booking forms are also available in the two porches, via the Parish office and on the parish website.

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.