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# Ealing Abbey Church of St. Benedict

## Newsletter and Information bulletin

All Masses Celebrated in the week are live-streamed on [ChurchServices.TV](https://www.churchservices.tv)

**SUNDAY 5 OF EASTER**  
Acts 6: 1-17 ; 1 Pet 2: 4-9 ; John 14: 1-12



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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 first reading from Acts reminds me of my early days as an RE teacher, getting pupils to draw maps of St Paul's missionary journeys around the eastern Mediterranean and Asia Minor. Looking back I wonder just what the educational value in such an exercise might have been – probably next to nothing if truth be told. The second reading from Apocalypse has a little more substance about it though it remains highly visionary and deeply symbolic and its precise interpretation is somewhat shrouded in mystery. It is only when we come to the gospel reading from John and read the new commandment to love one another as Jesus loved us that we get to the core implication for our own Christian calling. Of course, it wasn't an entirely new commandment but the context for it certainly was.

But let me return to St Paul or rather his companion on this journey, Barnabas, a young Jew from the island of Cyprus, originally called Joseph until he was given the name Barnabas by the apostles. This 'son of encouragement' was aptly named as he would in time exercise great influence over Paul, who as Saul was the early church's grand inquisitor and who had no equal as a persecutor of the church. Even after his conversion and several years in the desert in quiet reflection, Paul was treated with not a little bit of suspicion by Peter and the other apostles. But it was Barnabas who would take Paul under his wing, inviting Paul to assist him in the early Christian church in Antioch, the then capital of Syria. And it was in Antioch that the followers of Christ were first known as Christians. Clearly Barnabas and Paul fulfilled the command of Jesus: "By this love you have for one another; everyone will know that you are my disciples."

Barnabas and Paul travelled widely together, as the missionary journeys testify: "They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in faith." Paul in turn would extend to others the encouragement he received from Barnabas. Barnabas looked beyond the man who was the persecutor and looked into the heart of a man who was struggling to be a disciple. He didn't do it at a distance or remotely, but he did it by staying with him for 1,400 miles of travelling around the Med and preaching. That is a lot of encouragement. Barnabas lived up to his name by helping Paul live up to his new name, as an apostle of Jesus Christ. We can all bless God for the people who invested in us, who never gave up on us and who encouraged us to be who we are. As for my students' map drawing in the classroom, I guess I never really understood then what I do now so maybe it turned out not to be such a futile exercise after all.

*Deacon Alex*

## Anniversaries from the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**Rose Waldron, Kenneth Alder, Joseph Folliard, Francis Whelan,  
Berna Tredoux, Josephine Hartman, Renza Boberek, Kevin McMahon,  
Shelagh Hunt, Robin McNair, Agnes Maguire, Ellen Bilbe, Madeleine Sauven,  
Hans Schulte, Jacqueline Knight, Marion Goodman, Edgar D 'Armenia,  
Charles Fodrio, Peter Krochmalhy, Paul Stack, Halina Pecko,  
Neda Prosenica, Louise Cattai, Bridget Dixon, Magdalena Nieora,  
Pat Mortimer, Ula Lam, Teresa Berry, James Coleman, Jadwiga Rontaler,  
Vincent Kearney, Pauline Heritier, Derek Clayton Robbins**

## Information & Diary

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

8-9pm: Bingo in Parish Hall.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

1.00-3.00pm: Senior citizens in the Coffee Lounge

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

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May St Rita of Cascia**

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 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

9.45-12.30pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

10.00-12.00pm: Art and prayer workshop-Bulbeck room

## Finance News

**Collections 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Offertory, ATM, and others: £2479**

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](mailto:formation@ealingabbey.org.uk)

## **Parish Events**

### **May 2025**

*Saturday 24th May*

Art and Prayer workshop focused on theme of Pentecost, 10am-12pm in the Bulbeck room.

Contact Karolina if interested in joining [rozamarias@gmail.com](mailto:rozamarias@gmail.com)

*Wednesday 28th May*

Liturgy for those affected by suicide

7.15pm gathering at the Abbey steps, followed by 7.30pm Liturgy in the church. All welcome!

*Thursday 29th May*

Ascension Thursday – With an extra mass at 8pm

### **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.

*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 [chelle@ealingabbey.org.uk](mailto:chelle@ealingabbey.org.uk) if you'd like to make something.

## **Parish Lenten Luncheon - special thanks**

A very special thanks to Stephen Balogh, Mary Nolan, Eileen Burgess and Connie Cardamone along with the Social Committee for all their efforts last Sunday at our Parish Lenten Luncheon. Thankyou

to everyone for their generosity, supporting our Lenten Project and Luncheon, those who contributed, donated prizes and turned up on the day. With donations still coming in, we're in the process of totalling the amount raised for our 2025 Lenten Project: Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter (ECWNS), with details to be shared soon. Thanks again!

## **Priest Training Fund – Thank you**

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

## **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](mailto:sarah@tangney-tours.com), or booking forms available in the two porches, Parish office and our 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.