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

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#### **SUNDAY 26 IN ORDINARY TIMES**

Amos 6: 1a,4-7; 1 Tim 6: 11-16; Luke 16:19-31



# **Useful Contacts**

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#### DIVINE OFFICE

#### **Sunday Weekday Saturday**

**MATINS** 6.ooam 6.30am **LAUDS** 7.35am 7.35am 7.35am VESPERS 6.oopm 6.35pm 5.15pm **COMPLINE** 8.oopm **VIGIL** 7.30pm

### WEEKDAY & SATURDAY

#### MASSES

7.00am (With the Monks) 9.15am

6.oopm (Vigil Mass of Sunday)

#### **CONFESSION:**

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

#### SUNDAY MASS

**9.00am** (with children's liturgy) (Family Mass in Abbey 10.15am

Hall)

(Choral Mass) 10.30am (Sung Mass) 12 noon

**7.00pm** (Young people's Mass)

# Dear Parishioner,

The readings this Sunday speak to us with a clarity that can be both uncomfortable and liberating. The prophet Amos is a prophet of social justice. He lived at a time when the wealthy of Judah and Israel enjoyed a life of ease and luxury yet were blind to the warning signs around them. Their nation was on the verge of collapse and under the shadow of the Assyrian Empire. Amos challenged them; by ignoring the poor and thinking only for themselves, they were undermining the very foundations of their community. Their wealth had become not a gift to share but a wall that cut them off from their brothers and sisters.

The Gospel continues this theme in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man enjoys a life of comfort, blind to the suffering on his doorstep. Lazarus, poor and hungry, longed for even the scraps from the table. What condemns the rich man is not his wealth, but his indifference. His sin was not active cruelty, but a lack of care. He simply did not notice; or perhaps he chose not to notice.

This parable reminds us that faith is not lived in isolation. We cannot separate love of God from love of neighbour. Every time we open our eyes to the needs of those around us whether in our family, our parish, or our wider society, we choose the path of life. Every time we close our eyes and hearts, we risk the blindness of the rich man.

In many ways, the ordination of Brother Bede this weekend offers us a living contrast to that blindness. On Saturday, with great joy, we will celebrate the ordination of Br Bede to the priesthood here in the Abbey Church. For several years Br Bede has been preparing, praying, listening, and studying what it means to be a disciple who serves others. Ordination is not a reward, nor a privilege, but a calling to live for others, to notice the Lazarus at the gate, to offer God's love where it is most needed.

Please keep Br Bede in your prayers. As we celebrate his ordination, let us pray not only for him, but for one another, that our parish community may be a place where no one is invisible, where the poor and the struggling find welcome, and where together we build the Kingdom of God. May the Spirit who consecrates Br Bede also renew in us the courage to live our faith with open eyes and open hearts.

Yours in Christ,

## Deacon Ian

Anniversaries from the week commencing 28th September 2025

Denis Milborrow, Marcus McDevitt, Abbot Rupert Hall,
Maureen Fitzsimons, Eileen O'Reilly, Edith Byrne, William Scudamore,
Dom Andrew Hughes OSB, Christopher Kochanowicz (Kohanovich),
Ellen Chilstone, Roman Birchak, Paul Janet, Benita George-Perutz,
Jonathan Crispin Andall, Niall & Barbara McCarthy, Helen Knox,
Elisabeth Kast von Ebelsberg, Luisa Leafe, Sr Veronica Leckenby, Mary Rayfield,
Inez Cattermole, Hedwig Margareta Harris, George King,
Janusz Wachnicki, Anne Wilson, Dawn Sandys, Zbigniew Wilimowski, James Raggio,
Ann Bulman, Ralph Mallinson, Eileen Higgins, Derrick Cave, Gary King,
Victor Kennedy, Leonard Hayworth, Peter Quinnen, Gianna Cross, Helen Cotte,
Michael McSwiggan.

# Information & Diary

#### Sunday 28th September

Monday 29th September ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

8-9pm: Bingo in Parish Hall.

## Tuesday 30th September St Jerome

1pm-3pm: Senior citizens-Coffee lounge

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

7.00pm: Parish Aid to the Church in Need meeting in the Coffee Lounge.

All welcome to join.

## Wednesday 1st October St Therese of the child Jesus

7.00-8.15pm: Ealing Abbey Lay Plainchant Choir, Maurice Fowler Hall. New members/beginners welcome. For further information, see <a href="www.ealpc.org">www.ealpc.org</a> 7.30pm - A presentation by Fr Richard Nesbitt in the parish hall. See back page for more details

## Thursday 2nd October

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 3rd October

9.45-12.30: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church.

## Saturday 4th October St Francis of Assisi

# Sanctuary Lighting

We're calling on the strength of our community to help us raise £30,000 to restore the lighting infrastructure above the sanctuary. We are asking for donations, we also need generous action-takers, people willing to help, create and share information and energise others to get involved. If you have got creativity, time or even just a big heart for the Abbey, we need you on this mission. This isn't just about lights, it's about what we stand for as a community of faith, love and purpose. Reach out to Laura or Jan via the Parish Office, if you feel called to help. We need your heart, hands and help to turn this vision into reality.

## Finance News

## 21st September 2025

#### Collection Offertory, ATM, and others: £2683

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

#### Saturday 18th October 7.00pm-10pm Race night in the Parish Hall in aid of Replacing Abbey Electrics Prize Donations Needed

We are putting together a prize bag for our winners and would be very grateful for your help. If you can donate a small item, such as chocolates, bottles, cosmetics, perfumes, scratch cards, or anything others might enjoy, it would be greatly appreciated. Please leave your donation in the bookshop porch after any of the Masses on W/E 28<sup>th</sup> September, W/E 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

#### Children's Liturgy Volunteers Urgently Needed

Volunteers **Urgently Needed** for Children's Liturgy at 9am Mass on Sundays – we don't have enough to keep it going; please get in touch with Danielle at <u>catecheticalcoordinator@ealingabbey.org.uk</u>

#### **Benedict Renew**

Benedict Renew will start on 15th October, between 10 am and 12 pm, in the Coffee Lounge. It's a safe and welcoming space at Ealing Abbey — a place where anyone can come for peace and quiet, to meet others, have a chat, or just simply be in safe space. You can also spend time in prayer, if you like. For more information go to:

https://www.renewwellbeing.org.uk

#### Our Survivor Experience

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) is conducting a thematic inspection on survivor engagement and support across Religious Life Groups (RLGs) and dioceses of the Catholic Church. We would like to share these two links: Information about the survey <a href="Public Calls for Information">Public Calls for Information</a>

The direct link to the survey

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB\_Xy63KLBEXoG2tlVAm\_9UYqKjMSFUOTc5Tz lLTEdTWkUySjhaTlU0QURaOU05SC4u

This process is being conducted with transparency, respect, and in a survivor-centred way. We would like to hear from as many voices as possible, enabling us to identify good practice and areas for improvement across the Church.

#### **ALSO**

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) is now asking every diocese and RLG to help it share a new survey inviting everyone engaged with the Catholic Church, including Clergy, Religious (Consecrated Life), Parish Safeguarding Representatives, Employees, Volunteers and Parishioners to contribute their experiences. The aim of this survey is better understand how the Catholic Church engages with Survivors.

Information regarding this survey can be found here:

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## Greening Our Parish - thoughts for the future

Wednesday 1st October 7.30pm - A presentation by Fr Richard Nesbitt in the parish hall.

#### **HCPT**

Thank you to all who were able to attend and support the HCPT fundraiser. £2260 was raised.

#### **CAFOD Family Fast Day**

Please donate to our CAFOD Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's

in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

