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Ealing Abbey Church of St. Benedict

Newsletter and Information bulletin

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SUNDAY 29 IN ORDINARY TIMES

Exod 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3: 14-4: 2 Luke 18: 1-8



Useful Contacts

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You can also download a copy of the latest bulletin on the website, found under 'News'

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

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)

Dear Parishioner,

A cat is an eternal reality grounded in infinite depth; I read the other day. Which means, I think, that cats don't do deals. They don't negotiate; they don't depend. They do, or they don't; it's up to them. Rewards for good behaviour work fine with dogs and are essential for instilling the elements of civilised behaviour in small humans (they work quite well with big ones too), but not with cats. There is a cat that spends a good deal of time in the monastery, but she doesn't belong to the monastery, rather, the monastery and its inhabitants belong to her.

I mention this because I think it helps us understand the rather odd, challenging series of gospel passages we have been listening to over the past weeks. These episodes are taken from the long middle section of Luke's gospel, in which Jesus is on the road (the road or way is an important image for Luke) from Galilee to Jerusalem, and on the way he meets people and tells stories. But the stories are odd and the central characters unpleasant; stewards who defraud their masters, judges who will not give just judgments, tax collectors. This week we have the unjust judge and the equally unappealing importunate widow. We can read this parable as if it were about perseverance in, but perhaps it's also about gift. The widow, who won't let up but goes on and on, finally wears the selfish judge down and he gives her the justice she requires. He has undergone no change of heart, he's still the same, yet somehow, she has given him the undeserved gift of being able to act justly, to do good for once. We do not deserve the graces we receive, just as we did not earn being made in the first place. This annoys since we think there should be a reward for virtue, or even better, we ask God for something we really need and promise to be good for ever, or at least a week in return. But God doesn't do deals; the goodness we receive, the good thing we do, is the reward, or rather, an unearned gift. How so? Because God does not act inside our world, God is our world.

The theological principle of the *analogia entis*, the analogy of being says that the closer we feel to God, the more it seems we understand Him, then the more we realise how ever less we really know. So, we come back to the cat, who is for us an analogy for God (an *Analogia catti*?), since however much we understand her, her mystery deepens. Not that God is an eternal reality, of course, for God is reality, and we are grounded in Him.

Happy Autumn, season of mysteries.

Abbot Martin Shipperlee OSB

Anniversaries from the week commencing 19th October 2025

*Nuala Scarry, Thomas Dowling, John McGuire, Stanislaw Buczek,
Sheila Redmond, Edith Bodna, Nelly Callant, Louis de la Planque English,
Agnes Marron, Amelia Keene, Catherine McSwiggan, Daphne Malengreau,
Jean Murray, Anthony (Tony) Mullin, Margaret Storey, Roy Anderson,
Paul Manduke-Curtis, Anne Drepaal, Alan Bailey, Maurice Brindley,
Elizabeth Salaun, Norah Kulwicz, Pamela Ann McKenna,
Marc Mentior, Catherine Sawyer, Zbigniew Makowiecki,
Dominic George Brown, Tony Prince, Joseph Monks, Kathleen Flynn,
Shauna Young, Michele Silvio Tedeschi, Zigmunt Kopel*

Information & Diary

Sunday 19th October

Verona Fathers Mission appeal will take place on the weekend 25th and 26th October 2025.

Monday 20th October

8-9pm: Bingo in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday 21st October

1pm-3pm: Senior citizens-Coffee lounge

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

7.00pm: ACN meeting in the coffee lounge. All welcome

7.30pm - Laudate Deum Group meeting in the Bulbeck Room for discussion and showing of first part of Pope Francis's film on Care for Creation

'The Letter'. All welcome."

Wednesday 22nd October

10-12pm: Benedict Renew. In the coffee lounge. See back page for more details

7.00-8.15pm: Ealing Abbey Lay Plainchant Choir, Maurice Fowler Hall.

New members/beginners welcome. For further information, see www.ealpc.org

Thursday 23rd 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 11.15am with Fr Robin Burgess.

Friday 24th October

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

Saturday 25th October

10-12 pm: Art and prayer group. Abbot Ford room.

Please see back page for more details.

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

12th October 2025

Collection Offertory, ATM, and others: £1730

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

Benedict Renew

Benedict Renew on 22nd 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>

Volunteer on the diocese of Westminster pilgrimage to Lourdes

Anyone aged 16 and over (by July 2026) are invited to volunteer on the diocese of Westminster pilgrimage to Lourdes with Ealing Abbey. Contact Danielle for more information: formation@ealingabbey.org.uk

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 catecheticalcoordinator@ealingabbey.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 [Public Calls for Information](#)

The direct link to the survey

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xy63KLBEXoG2tIVAm_9UYqKjMSFUOTc5TzILTEdTWkUySjhaTIU0QURaOU05SC4u

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:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xy63KLBEXoG2tIVAm_9UYqKjMSFU01hSR1VCOEpYMUc4SDVQWTg3VkNDTzg5OS4u

Small faith sharing groups

Our next season of small faith sharing groups begins at the end of October 2025, with the theme "A Feast of All Nations." We'll reflect on scripture, prayers, and key passages from the Synod's final document, inviting the Holy Spirit to guide us as we explore how to share the Gospel in today's changing world.

Groups will meet in the parish on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and Friday mornings.

To join or learn more, please contact the Parish Office.

The Art & Prayer Group

A session on "The Will of God" at 10am-12 in the Abbot Ford Room on Sat 25th Oct. This is a relaxed and friendly space to reflect on Catholic spiritual themes using visual creativity. £5 to cover the range of materials provided or bring your own. All adults 18 plus are welcome to join. Please contact Karolina Stolarska rozamarias@gmail.com

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you for your contributions, to CAFOD, so far, £1053 has been donated. If you haven't done so it's not too late to make a donation. Donations can be handed into the Parish Office. If you wish to 'Gift Aid' your donation, please use one of the CAFOD green envelopes or if you would like to go online you can donate using this link cafod.org.uk/parish. CAFOD is deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to the recent CAFOD appeal. Your donations will make a real difference, helping to support communities like Ware's facing poverty, crisis, or injustice around the world.

