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

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#### **ALL SAINTS**

Rev 7:2-4,9-14 John 3: 1-3; Matt 5:1-2



# **Useful Contacts**

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#### Pastoral Coordinator-position vacant

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(With the Monks)

(Vigil Mass of Sunday)

#### **DIVINE OFFICE**

#### **Sunday Weekday Saturday**

**MATINS** 6.ooam 6.30am **LAUDS** 7.35am 7.35am 7.35am VESPERS 6.00pm 6.35pm 5.15pm **COMPLINE** 8.oopm **VIGIL** 7.30pm

#### **CONFESSION:**

**MASSES** 

7.00am

9.15am

6.oopm

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

WEEKDAY & SATURDAY

#### SUNDAY MASS

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

Hall)

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

7.oopm (Young people's Mass)

# Dear Parishioner,

Think of a saint. Perhaps you're thinking of St Benedict (March 21st/July 11th) or St Scholastica (February 10th), or St Thérèse of Lisieux (October 1st), or maybe St Carlo Acutis, one of the newest saints (October 12th). So what (or who) is a saint and how many are there? Is it someone officially canonised by the Church? The first canonisation didn't happen until 993 AD (so none of the 44 people (45 including Jesus) named in the Roman Canon has been canonised). One website has details of nearly 8300 saints, but then says it is incomplete. So perhaps a saint is anyone the Church says is in heaven. But what if the Church hasn't said someone is in heaven?

St Paul mentions saints 40 times in his letters. Each time, he is referring to living Christians. Particularly telling is the greeting at the start of the Letter to the Romans, 'To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints' (Romans 1:7). We are all called to be saints. The Church declares some people to be in heaven (including those in the Roman Canon) but admits that it doesn't know how many others are also there. All those it does not know, who don't have a feast day of their own (or shared, in the cases of some groups of martyrs), get to be celebrated on All Saints Day. These all enjoy the sight of God (called the beatific vision), which is what we all hope for and, as Christians, have been called to receive.

Paul calls the living Christians saints. Those in heaven are the ones who are truly alive, since they are with God. We who are alive on earth are called to the fullness of life in heaven with Christ.

# Dom Bede Grey OSB

#### Anniversaries from the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025

Fred Bell, Monyene Kane, Carmel Downs, Steve Walker, Percy Kemp, Margaret Rothero, Anne Hardy, Jean Macmullen, Dario Iacoponi, Carlton David Hunt, Elwira Maria Kurowska, Gwen Crawford, Anthony Skinner, Anna Beattie, James Burns, John Nankivell, Annie Pollington, Anna Maria Hearn, Edna Scott, Hubert Creighton-Kelly, Noeleen Manson, Roger Day, Agnes Forgione, Mary Quirke, Derek Lynch, Barbara Brosnan, Patrick Quinn, Sr. Mary Pauline Hebron, Timothy Ryan, Kathleen Howel-Davies, Irene Deslongrais, Mary Ames, Pamela Joan Coria, John William KeenanCharlie Forrest, Harry Clark, Adele Parravicini, Victor Sorapure Philip De La Croix, Margaret Shea, Patricia Forrest, Joseph Alleyne, Dennis Shalloe, William Jackson

# Information & Diary

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November All Saints

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November *THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED* 8-9pm: Bingo in the Parish Hall.

#### Tuesday 4th November St Charles Borromeo

1pm-3pm: Senior citizens-Coffee lounge

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

#### Wednesday 5th November

Commemoration of Deceased Relatives and Benefactors of the English Benedictine Congregation

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 <a href="https://www.ealpc.org">www.ealpc.org</a>

#### Thursday 6th November

9.30-12.30: Toddlers in the 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 7th November

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

#### Saturday 8th November

#### 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.

# <u>Finance News</u> 26<sup>th</sup>October 2025

#### Collection Offertory, ATM, and others: £1665

We are deeply grateful for the wonderful financial support we receive. It 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 5<sup>th</sup> November, 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: <a href="https://www.renewwellbeing.org.uk">https://www.renewwellbeing.org.uk</a>

#### 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: <a href="mailto:formation@ealingabbey.org.uk">formation@ealingabbey.org.uk</a>

#### 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 <a href="mailto:catecheticalcoordinator@ealingabbey.org.uk">catecheticalcoordinator@ealingabbey.org.uk</a>

# Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers afternoon of reflection Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers Afternoon of Reflection will be held by Deacon Ian on Saturday 15th November from 2pm – 4.30pm in the Bulbeck Room. Extraordinary Ministers and Readers are reminded they should attend an afternoon of reflection prior to being recommissioned at the end of November.

#### Red Wednesday

Wednesday 19 November is Red Wednesday, when we remember persecuted and suffering Christians throughout the world. Masses in the Abbey on that day will be for their intention. The Parish Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) group are organising supporting events and displays prior to Red Wednesday:

On Friday 14 November, gift and Christmas card sale in the Coffee Lounge, with coffee and cakes, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. On Sunday 16 November, gift and Christmas card sale in the Bookshop porch after all morning Masses. Raffle tickets will be on sale at both events. The ACN group will also be collecting obsolete/foreign coins and notes in support of ACN.

#### St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul, kindly request the following items (only) for MEN, who are homeless. MENS WARM JACKETS/COATS, JUMPERS/HOODIES, T SHIRTS.JOGGING TROUSERS. TRAINERS/SHOES.SLEEPING BAGS.NEW UNDERWEAR AND LEGGINGS (ONLY) Please contact Mary, on07443422213.

#### **Book** circle

The next meeting will be at 8.15 pm in the Coffee Lounge on Wednesday 26 November to discuss Mania by Lionel Shriver. The book to read for the following meeting will be Trust by Hernan Diaz.

All are welcome.