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Ealing Abbey Church of St. Benedict

Newsletter and Information bulletin

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

2 Sam 5: 1-3; Col 1: 12-20; Luke 23: 35-43



Useful Contacts

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Pastoral Coordinator - position vacant

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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

MASSSES

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,

Christ, Universal King

In 1950 King Farouk of Egypt is said to have told a group of reporters that soon enough there would be only five kings left in the world: the king of hearts, the king of spades, the king of clubs, the king of diamonds and the king of England!

There was a time of course when kings and queens in our world were legion but now not so many. A search reveals that most are constitutional monarchs whose powers are limited by constitution, whilst others act as heads of state; but there are a few absolute monarchs who do wield power (and perhaps not always for good) and the total can rise to as many as forty three if you include emperors and sultans. But they seem, quite literally, to be a dying breed.

Today's feast of Christ the Universal King brings to a close the liturgical year in which the gospel of Luke featured prominently. Placing today's gospel story of a King's death on a cross is in sharp contrast with the season of Advent which begins next week when we anticipate the birth of that same King. But the positioning is deliberate.

The fate of kings lies behind our first reading with king David coming a long way from tending sheep to become the anointed king of Israel. Jesus is a descendant of David but the authority he wields is very different. He warns against the kind of authority that refuses to busy itself in lightening the heavy burdens that people carry. Throughout his ministry Jesus shared his forgiveness; and he dies breathing it – 'forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do.'

The kingdom then is one that looks out for people who are otherwise ignored: the poor, the broken and the wounded, common themes which run throughout Luke. How fitting then that Jesus should end up between two criminals, the very people he sought out in his ministry. The crown he wears is one of thorns; the throne he has is his cross; his royal banner a scribbled sign proclaiming him King of the Jews. This is the gospel image of royalty: the king and the criminal who go *together* into paradise. Hardly the ending that many would have anticipated but this is the king we celebrate today and whose values we are pledged to live.

Deacon Alex

Anniversaries from the week commencing 23rd November 2025

Richard Wheeler, Neill Honan, Yammana Onyia-Edwards, Bridget McAllister, Jan Wysoki, Rupert Lewis, Mary Quirke, James O'Hanlon, Mary Waldron, Catherine Gavan, Michael Vallally, Bridget McAllister, Rose Guinan, Elizabeth Kielt, Georgia Hanna, James John Roberts, Timothy Aherne, Margaret Cullen-Crouch, Anthony Fenelon, Lillian Mary Yeoman, Patrick Joseph Sullivan, Adelaide Morgan, Antoni Pecko, Margaret Lichoskey, Dom Kevin Horsey, Dom Bernard Orchard, Harold Turville, Harold Taylor, Daniel Tiernan, Maurice Sauven
Information & Diary

Sunday 23rd November

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Monday 24th November St Andrew Dung-Lac

8-9pm: Bingo in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday 25th November

1pm-3pm: Senior citizens-Coffee lounge

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

7.30-9pm: Parish Hall - Showing of Pope Francis 'Caring for our Common Home' film "The Letter (Part 2) followed by discussion. All welcome

Wednesday 26th November

10-12pm: Benedict Renew. In the coffee lounge

8.15: Book circle 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 27th November

9.30-12.30: Toddlers group 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 28th November

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

Saturday 29th November

2.30pm: Special needs advent liturgy-meet in the coffee lounge and a special service in the Abbey

Sanctuary Lighting: Race night on Saturday, 18th October raised an incredible **£11.205.05**.

A Big Thank You to all the Parishioners who gave so generously and donated prizes. Thank you also to the many Sponsors of the event for their continued support of Ealing Abbey Parish. We are very grateful and appreciate so much your support and generosity. *Thank you to Keith Brett for hosting and coordinating the event. And always in gratitude to Mary Nolan & Eileen Burgess for their incredible dedication and hard work in supporting the life of Ealing Abbey Parish over so many years. And God said "LET THERE BE LIGHT!" Gen 1:3*

Finance News

16th November 2025

Collection Offertory, ATM, and others: £1980

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

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund

Thank you for so generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. Our priests give us years of dedicated service and it is only right that, together, we ensure they live out their days with dignity and the care they need. If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. Envelopes are still available at the back of the church or from the parish office, and you can give online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. You can become a **Patron** by setting up a regular donation by completing section 4 on the envelope form. Thank you again. Please keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers.

Parish pilgrimage to knock

Ealing Abbey Parish - escorted tour to Westport & Co Mayo, 01st June 2026. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight from London Heathrow with 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in Castlecourt Hotel, Westport, with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Visit Knock Shrine, Kylemore Abbey, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre. Single supplement £250.00, max 5 rooms. Contact Patricia - 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Closing date for bookings Monday 8th December. For more details see posters displayed in the church

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

Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter

Ealing Abbey will once again host the shelter for fourteen Ealing homeless and will run for 7 consecutive Friday nights/Saturday mornings beginning Friday 2nd January. If you are able to help please contact Deacon Alex, via jamesalkexburke1@btinternet.com

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

Book Circle

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.

Foodbank

The Foodbank team is planning to collect on two weekends before Christmas: 29th/ 30th November, and 13th/14th December. December dates are earlier than usual to give time for the warehouse to distribute

Carols by Candlelight

Tickets are on sale for Carols by Candlelight on 20th December at 7:30pm. Tickets can be purchased via: www.trybooking.com/uk/FMUH, or telephone: 020 8194 2300 or email: ealingabbeychoir@gmail.com.

Tickets are also on sale after masses on 7th December in the Bookshop porch.