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# Ealing Abbey Church of St. Benedict

## Newsletter and Information bulletin

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### **SUNDAY 3 OF ADVENT**

Isa 35: 1-6a; 10 : Jas 5: 7-10 ; Matt 11: 2-12



### Useful Contacts

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**Pastoral Coordinator- position vacant**

For any pastoral issues please contact the parish office

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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

#### MASSSES

**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,*

John the Baptist, in his dark dungeon, is puzzled. He has always been very clear about his calling... to be the one who prepares the way of the Messiah... the voice crying out in the wilderness "Make straight his paths." Time to get ready! "Repent!" Hundreds of people had come to listen, had repented, been baptised. Was his mission fulfilled?

He knew it was very likely that he would soon die. Yet where was the Messiah?? Was Jesus the one? The people were flocking to him, it is true, but John was troubled. He did not seem to fit the profile of the Messiah as he had imagined him to be. So, he sends his disciples with a question: "Are you the one who is to come... Or do we wait for someone else?" Jesus doesn't answer him directly but tells him what he's doing and John must have recognised the words of the prophet Isaiah "The blind receive their sight, the lame walk and the deaf hear... and the poor have the Good News preached to them!"

Jesus describes to John what he is doing - Without doubt he is the One whose coming John was preparing for but whereas John preached repentance, Jesus, who is himself the Good News, revealed a God of Love, of Mercy and Compassion.

In our Gospels we discover Jesus, God made visible, reaching out especially to the poor, the sick and sinners, embracing them tenderly with love and rejoicing. Think of the lost sheep, the "woman who was a sinner", Zaccheus the tax collector, the Prodigal Son.

We call this Sunday "Laetare Sunday", and our Mass today begins with the word "Rejoice!" As we move towards the Celebration of the Word of God, made flesh, Saint James reminds us to be patient. The time is near!

*Sr. Marie McDonald*

## **Anniversaries from the week commencing 14h December 2025**

**Gerald Blake, Margaret McHale, Terence Keenan, Krystyna Komornicka,  
Danuta Gasioek, Faustina Lagodzinska (Sisters of the Resurrection),  
Percy Chillman, José Chevez, Margaret Marum, Dom Gilbert Smith,  
Richard & Margaret McHale, Masako Miyamatsu, Fiona Mary Greaves,  
Dom Peter Flood, Leonie Schulte, Elsie Godfrey, Vinthura Samarawikreme,  
Hugh Annett, Nora Johnson, Bridget Jasik, Dennis O'Keeffe,  
Margaret (Rita) Toms, Josephine Radford, Rosemary Skottowe,  
Giovanni Chighine, Gloria MacVeagh Richings, Guy Kennedy, Ronald Bell,  
Madeline Pedley, Nora Harrington, Andrzej Wielogorski, Nina Wilkins,  
Theodore Emmel, James Quinn, Catherine Ross Chmaj, William Byrne,  
Mary Murtagh, Adriana Kular, Stephen Coleman, Catherine Keenan,  
Margaret Maguire, Bridget Garlick**

## **Information & Diary**

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December SUNDAY 3 OF ADVENT.**

HCTP (who organise trips to Lourdes for disadvantaged children) cake sale during morning Masses in the bookshop porch.

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

8-9pm: Bingo in the Parish Hall.

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

1pm-3pm: Senior citizens-Coffee lounge

Meditation with Fr. Robin Burgess will resume 6<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

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

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

New members/beginners welcome. For further information, see [www.ealpc.org](http://www.ealpc.org)

Please note that there will be no rehearsals on 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December.

Rehearsals resume on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2026.

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

No Toddlers group -will resume on 8<sup>th</sup> January.

No Lectio Divina and meditation – these will resume on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

9.45-11.00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

2pm-4:30pm: Blessing of the Crib rehearsal. Abbey Hall, see back page for more details.

5.30-6pm: Confessions

### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

7.30pm: Ealing Abbey Choir & Orchestra will perform Carols by Candlelight concert featuring music and readings for Christmas. See back page for tickets.

**Sanctuary Lighting:** Race night on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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*

7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

**Collection Offertory, ATM, and others: £1448**

**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*

### **Foodbank**

The Foodbank collection will take place on 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> December.

### **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](http://www.trybooking.com/uk/FMUH), or telephone: 020 8194 2300 or mail: [ealingabbeychoir@gmail.com](mailto:ealingabbeychoir@gmail.com)

### **Blessing of the Crib**

Would your children like to take part in the 'Blessing of the Crib' on Christmas Eve, here at Ealing Abbey? The cast perform the nativity story and sing carols. We need readers, singers and children to mime the Christmas story. Children from school year 2 and up!

Rehearsals will take place on the following days:

Friday December 19th, 2pm-4:30pm, Ealing Abbey Hall

Wednesday December 24th, 12:30pm-3pm, Ealing Abbey Hall

Event: 3pm Christmas Eve, Ealing Abbey (Everyone is welcome to attend)

Please bring your child to the Abbey Hall on Friday December 19th, at 2pm, if you would like them to participate!

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> January. If you can help please contact Deacon Alex, via [jamesalexburke1@btinternet.com](mailto:jamesalexburke1@btinternet.com)

## **Parish pilgrimage to Knock**

### **Ealing Abbey Parish – Escorted Tour to Westport & Co. Mayo, 1 June 2026**

The cost of the tour is £899 per person sharing, which includes return flights from London Heathrow with 10kg hold luggage, and four nights at the Castlecourt Hotel, Westport, with dinner, bed and breakfast. The itinerary features visit to Knock Shrine, Kylemore Abbey, Ballintubber Abbey, and the Fr. Peyton Centre. A single supplement of £250 applies (maximum of five single rooms available). For bookings or enquiries, please contact Patricia on 01268 762 278, 07740 175557, or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). The meeting between Knock Pilgrimage representative this Sunday (14<sup>th</sup> December) has been postponed until the new year. For any further information, please direct all enquiries to Mary Nolan through the parish office.

### **Aid to the Church in Need group**

The Aid to the Church in Need group thank the Monastic Community and parishioners for their support of the Red Wednesday campaign. The net proceeds of just over £1000 were paid into '£500K4HOPE' matched challenge'. All welcome to our next meeting will be on Tuesday Jan 13 in the Coffee Lounge 19.00 hrs.