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Ealing Abbey Church of St. Benedict

Newsletter and Information bulletin

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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Isa 42: 1-4, 6-7; Acts 10: 34-38; Matt 3: 13-17



Useful Contacts

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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,

Jesus' baptism marks a turning-point in his life - that is clear in all four Gospel accounts, though the details differ. After his baptism, Jesus' public identity as a carpenter in Nazareth will change as he begins his mission as a wandering teacher, healer and prophet of the kingdom of God. The catalyst for this change is the experience Jesus has of the opening of the heavens, the descent of the Spirit and the affirmation: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Many Scripture scholars now hold that Jesus spent more time with John the Baptist than the Gospels seem to convey. He took time to listen to John's message of expectation and of repentance in view of judgement, and saw John's lifestyle and fixed position near the river Jordan, with people coming to him. Will Jesus continue in that prophetic tradition? At his baptism by John, Jesus is affirmed as God's beloved Son and this clarifies that his way of mission will necessarily be different – his mission will be as the prophet Isaiah foretells in today's First Reading: he will go out to people, proclaiming and making visible the God that he knows, God who is a loving Father to all, who shows no partiality, as our Second Reading says. Following the desire of his Father, Jesus will seek out the lost and the weak among his brothers and sisters, and with love and mercy he will affirm them in their true identity as God's children, called to fullness of life according to God's dream for how all people are called to live.

In our own Christian baptism, we believe that the same things happen: the heavens open, the Spirit descends and the voice of God recognises us as a son or daughter. At our Baptism, we publically acknowledge that we know we are a child of God, and we agree to assume the responsibility that this knowledge implies. That 'knowing and accepting' is a blessing and privilege that not all God's children have, because they haven't all received that good news and haven't been baptised. Baptism, therefore, always involves a call to mission, the same mission that Jesus received from his Father, and with the help of the same Spirit in us - to live as true children of God.

The Readings of today present us with an invitation for our daily life: to live out consciously and practically our baptism as children of God and brothers and sisters to all others. What difference will doing that make in my life this week and this new year?

St. Catherine Booth M.Afr

Anniversaries from the week commencing 11th January 2026

Richard Grindal, Nathera Saaïd, Lise Clift, Janusz Muraszko, John McCarthy, Monica Campion, Joseph Dalton, Rose Scherer, Jan Szelepet, Gerald Hicks, Patrick Lally, Eleanor Poklekowska, Brian Conneller, John Burgoin, Daphne Sheehan, Amelia Roskiewicz, Jeanne Chambers, Michael Scarman, Paul Kelly, Ellen Colsell, Joan Buckland, Mary Byrne, Albert Cassis, Robert Gordon, Peggy Cooke, Catherine Baker, Evelyn Gastaldello, Beatrice Carney, Terrence Dougherty, Antonio Parla, Hanna Bokszzanin, Don Taylor, Gertrude Garland, Krystyna Irena Skellon, Anoja (Queenie) Alles, Teresa Bourke, Joseph Collins, Ryszard Pintscher, Adrian Cave, Patrick Maguire, Clara O'Donnell, Patrick Cox, Katherine (Doris) Moore, James Bacon, Neil John Remsbery, Anne Devine, Claudia Vierich, Hazel Muncey, Annette Robbins, Michael Conway

Information & Diary

Sunday 11th January *The Baptism of our lord*

Monday 12th January *St Benet Biscop*

8-9pm: Bingo in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday 13th January

1-3pm: Senior citizens. In the 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.

Wednesday 14th January

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

8.15: Book circle. Coffee lounge. See back page for more details

Thursday 15th January *SS Maurus & Placid*

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 16th January

9.45-11.00am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church.

Saturday 17th January *St Anthony of Egypt*

From today and continuing every Saturday thereafter, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

10am-12.00pm: Art and prayer group in Abbot Ford Room.

Please see back page for more details

Sanctuary Lighting:

A heartfelt thank you to all our parishioners who so generously contributed to the Sanctuary Lighting project. We are deeply grateful to announce that £30,000 was raised, covering the cost of the new lighting. Your generosity and commitment to our parish are truly appreciated. Please see Father Ambrose's message on: ealingabbeyparish.uk

Finance News

4th January 2026

Collection Offertory, ATM, and others: £2507

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

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. For any further information, please direct all enquiries to Mary Nolan through the parish office.

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

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14 January 2026 at 8.15 pm in the Coffee Lounge to discuss Trust by Hernan Diaz. The book to read for the following meeting is Wise Children by Angela Carter. All are welcome.

Art & Prayer

Start the year with an Art & Prayer session on the theme of "Conversion of Life" on Sat 17th Jan 10am-12 Noon in the Abbot Ford Room. Join us in reflecting on St Benedict's spirituality and Scripture and creating a visual art response in a supportive group. No skills required or taught, just learning and sharing together. Please bring £5 cash towards art supplies (paper, canvas, paint, pencils, collage, glue etc provided) or your own materials. Looking forward to welcoming you to our small community - Karolina Stolarska rozamarias@gmail.com.

On Sunday 25th January, at 9am Mass we will have a special welcome for all those children that have been baptised over the last year and their parents. It is also a moment for them to meet the wider Parish Community.