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Ealing Abbey Church of St. Benedict Newsletter and Information bulletin

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SUNDAY 2 OF LENT

Gen 12: 1-4a; 2 Tim 1: 8b-10; Matt 17: 1-9



Useful Contacts

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DIVINE OFFICE

| | Sunday | Weekday | Saturday |
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| 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

| <u>MASSES</u> |
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| 7.00am (With the Monks) |
| 9.15am |
| 6.00pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday) |

SUNDAY MASS

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| 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,

In the cold weather it's easy to see right to the bottom of the pond and I can count 19 carp, still plump at the end of their midwinter fast. They have lived all their lives in the pond. They are part of it one might say; they or their parents were here before I came to Ealing, and I rather hope they will be around to pay no attention at all to my being carried past on the way to our graveyard. The pond would not be complete without them, and they would, I assume, be rather out of sorts without the pond.

Just like the first reading last Sunday, about Adam and Eve in the garden. They have lived there, how long? It's all they have known, it's where they belong, until they decided to be different, to not belong, and find themselves Outside, where they might have prayed in the rather lovely words I came across this week. Stuck outside, estranged, exiled, Adam and Eve pray asking that the plants in the Garden remember them: *by the music of your rustlings beseech the Creator of all to open to us the gates which our sins have closed.* Adam, who, after all is a creature of the earth, believes that the vegetation that nourished him, that he named, would somehow miss him, that the Garden would not be the same without him.

And where is that Garden now? Adam and Eve, after all, are not ancestors from long ago; they are you and me now; lost, confused, somehow not in the right place, and when Adam prays he is asking for help for all the displaced, from house or home or hope. So, we listen to this this Sunday's gospel and its story of glory; could that be for us too, we might think, to rescue us from our exile? Yet after the climb up the mountain away from the world, the transfiguring light, the bright cloud, the voice, the Law and the Prophets, the glory of it all; after all of that, only Jesus remains, talking of what will happen to him. Jesus in our world, living our life, here with us. Perhaps the plants heard Adam's prayer after all. The Garden has come looking for us, and has found us.

Happy Lent

Abbot Martin Shipperlee OSB

Anniversaries from the week commencing 1st March 2026

Teresa O'Reilly, Joan Margaret Bowen, Beatrice Gwillim, Aleksander Balysz, Dom Ambrose Agius, Edward Foley, John Heffernan, Joan Margaret Bowen, Elvina Teuteris, Gerry Malone, Julia Ford, Nora Fisher, Masao Hirakubo, Marie Antoinette Branson, Lucy Jackson, Anna Young, Matthew Cummings, Mary Halliden, Basil McDowell, Emily Benjamin, Tommy Dunn, Robert Faulkner, Licentina Noronha, Jadwiga Treszka, John Sweeney, Anne Peddie Thompson, Grace Maria Graham, Francis Hannah, Kathleen Mills, Tatenda Kamasho,

Information & Diary

Sunday 1st March

Lenten Appeal: Mary's Meals speaker at all Masses

Monday 2nd March

8-9pm: Bingo in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday 3rd March

1-3pm: Senior citizens. In the Coffee Lounge.

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

Wednesday 4th March

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

7.30-9pm: Care for Creation. Coffee lounge. All are welcome.

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

see www.ealpc.org

Thursday 5th March

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 6th March

9.45-11.00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church. Parishioners are invited to pray for Members of the House of Lords to grant them wisdom and courage as they consider the Assisted Dying Bill.

1.30 & 8.20pm: Stations of the Cross

Saturday 7th March

10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sanctuary Lighting:

Please see Father Ambrose's message on: ealingabbeyparish.uk

Finance News

22nd February 2026

Collection Offertory, ATM, and others: £1694

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

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

The Assisted Dying Bill

This Bill is currently before the House of Lords. We are concerned that it does not adequately protect vulnerable people and risks replacing compassionate care with assisted death. Parishioners are urged to pray and to write to members of the House of Lords (template available from the parish office), asking them to oppose the Bill and support better palliative and end-of-life care. To support this effort or to obtain materials, please contact the Parish Office.

ECWNS

The Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter project completed 7 weeks at the Abbey. In total, 40 parishioners volunteered in supporting the provision of accommodation, meals, companionship and advice to 16 clients, who will now be finishing their final weeks at other Churches in Ealing. This is an incredibly important activity for the Parish as it provides an outreach to those, who through no fault of their own, have so much less than us. For those parishioners who partook in the project, it offered a wonderful opportunity to follow in the way of St Benedict by receiving each client as Christ himself with humility, charity and love. The project can only continue into the future if we have enough volunteers to make it work and even with 40 this year, we struggled at times. Although it will be some time before our next participation, we are asking you to keep our work in your prayers and join us next year, in what is a truly worthwhile and humbling experience. The ECWNS charity is, like every charity, facing challenges financially and relies on donations, which underpin our work. For further information on the work we carry out and how to donate, please visit <https://ecwns.org.uk/>

Walk of Witness

The annual Walk of Witness will take place on Good Friday 3rd April 2026 and will commence at the Abbey steps at 10.00 am. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the marshalling of the procession from the Abbey to Christ the Saviour Church in Ealing Broadway, where it will finish with an ecumenical prayer service. This is a wonderful occasion for us to join our fellow Christians from all the churches in Ealing and to bear witness to the deeply moving and spiritual events of Good Friday and the crucifixion of Our Lord. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Robert in the Parish Office who will pass your details to Liz McCorry who is co-ordinating on behalf of our Parish.

Book Circle

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18 March at 8.15 pm in the coffee lounge to discuss *The Lantern of Lost Memories* by Sanaka Hiiragi and *The Ferryman and His Wife* by Frode Grytten. The book to read for the following meeting is *Aerth* by Deborah Tomkins. All are welcome.