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

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## **SUNDAY 4 OF LENT**

1 Sam16: 1b, 6-7. 10-13a : Eph 5: 8-14 ; John 9: 1-41



### 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

<u>MASSES</u>
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,*

Rejoice! Spring is nearly here. Already, the flowers are beginning to come out: the magnolia has already blossomed, as have the crocuses and snowdrops; the daffodils are out, and the garden is beginning to look colourful. The bees are also being active, bringing lots of pollen back to the hive. Even the fish are showing signs of stirring. The first word of the entrance antiphon is 'Rejoice', or 'Laetare' in Latin, from which we get the name Laetare Sunday. It's also Mothering Sunday, or Mother's Day, so some fresh flowers would make a lovely gift, and the sight of them will make most people's mothers rejoice.

The man born blind in today's Gospel was healed at the Feast of Tabernacles, which is in the autumn, so he would have had to wait for the spring bloom. All the same, everything he saw, he would have been seeing for the first time. His journey from the Pool of Siloam, at the southwest of Jerusalem, back into the city would have been one of wonder and rejoicing at everything he saw. Even the drooping plants of the end of the dry season would have been a new and joyful sight for him.

All this sight would have helped him see that Jesus was someone special. First, he says to the unbelieving Pharisees that Jesus is a prophet, then he says Jesus is from God. Later, he meets Jesus and calls Him 'Lord.' As he uses his sight, he sees more of who Jesus really is. The Pharisees, however, are becoming more blind, because they are not using their sight to see the signs that Jesus is performing.

As we go about our daily lives, let's use all our senses to appreciate God's work of creation all around us.

*Dom Bede Grey OSB*

## Anniversaries from the week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

*Francis Pereira, Jacoba Hewish, Jacques Berger, Janet McKinley,  
Wallace Martin, Robert Young, Margaret Anne Barrow, Jennifer Mari Haliburn, Frances Carter,  
Margaret Ferrari, Nora Heidler, Maria Iglesias, Ivan Mowczan, Patricia Kiff, Zbigniew Ryszard  
Pialucha, Rory White, Ronald Pidduck, Kathleen Heaslip, Florence Pomeroy, Mary McCabe,  
Christopher Crichton, Stephen Lunn, Elizabeth Bradford, Dennis Gallagher, Patrick Hartnett,  
Marina Marques de Carvalho, Patrick Marum, David Mealing, Stanislaw Chmiel, Mary Warfield, Mary  
Fennell, Richard Williams, Rosena Mentior, Rose Beaumont, Michael Kulwicz, Thomas Michael  
Maramaros, Edward (Eddie) Thomas Liston, Joy Doerner Campbell, James Finn, James O'Brien,  
Joshua Ritcher, Sarah Valvona, Joseph Riley, Elizabeth Sinclair,  
Audrey MacLeish, Norman Vogel, James Donovan*

## Information & Diary

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday**

Family Day-Parish Hall after the 12 pm Mass followed by Children's Stations of the Cross in the church at 1.30pm.

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

8-9pm: Bingo in the Parish Hall.

8.30pm: Profession of faith. In the church. See back page for more details.

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March St Patrick**

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

Blessing of the shamrock after 6.00pm Mass

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

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

0-12pm: **Benedict Renew.** In the coffee lounge.

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

see [www.ealpc.org](http://www.ealpc.org)

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

8.30pm: Profession of faith. In the church. See back page for more details.

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Prayer at the statue of St Joseph after the 9.00am Mass.

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

5.30-6pm: Confessions.

1.30 & 8.20pm: Stations of the Cross

### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March The Solemnity of the Passing of St Benedict**

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

10.00am-12.00pm Art and prayer group. See back page for more details.

# Finance News

8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Collection Offertory, ATM, and others: £1670

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](mailto:catecheticalcoordinator@ealingabbey.org.uk)

### Profession of Faith

During Lent from 9th to 23rd March on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:30pm Members of 2nd Neocatechumenal Community will be sharing why they believe each article of the Creed from their personal experience. All are welcome.

### Ealing Abbey Choir

Ealing Abbey Choir, St Benedict's Consort Choir and School orchestra will perform Mozart's Requiem and Beethoven's 5<sup>th</sup> Symphony in Ealing Abbey on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7:30pm. Tickets are available on the door or in advance from TryBooking. Booking details are on posters in the Parish Centre and here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FTDH>

### Book Circle

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.

### Art and prayer group

The next Art & Prayer group session is on the theme of Easter on Saturday 21st March from 10am to 12pm in the Abbot Ford Room. This gentle reflective session is open to everyone, and no art skills are needed—just a willingness to pause, pray, and explore faith through simple creative activities in a supportive group. For more details, please contact Karolina Stolarska at [rozamarias@gmail.com](mailto:rozamarias@gmail.com). All are very welcome.

### 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 which is a wonderful occasion 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 Liz McCorry, either directly or through Robert in the Parish Office. Finally, can we ask if you could commit this walk to God in prayer - that this public display of our unity as a Church family will speak to our wider Community and that all the logistics will fall into place.

### 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.