22/03/2026

Ealing Abbey Church of St. Benedict

Newsletter and Information bulletin

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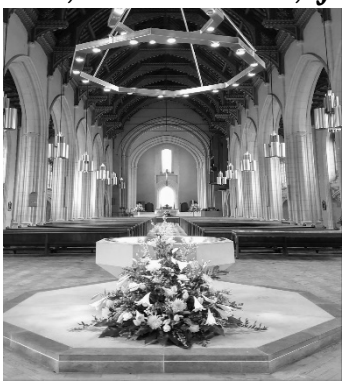
SUNDAY 5 OF LENT

Ezek 37: 12-14 ; Rom 8 : 5-15 ; John11:1-45



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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 MASSES

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,

As we draw closer to Palm Sunday and Holy Week today's readings invite us to reflect on God's power to restore and renew, even when hope feels buried and faith feels just a little bit fragile. Taken together the Gospels record but three specific instances of Jesus bringing people back to life: Jairus' daughter (recorded in all three synoptic gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke), the widow's son at Nain (only in Luke) and the recalling to life of Lazarus, here only in John. This is a story which remains one of the most moving narratives in the entire gospel corpus.

But it is the prophet Ezekiel who provides the foundational metaphor of new life in the face of death. Ezekiel is speaking to a community ravaged by exile in a foreign land (Babylon, modern day Iraq) some time in the sixth century BC. Jerusalem is destroyed, the Temple is gone and the people feel abandoned, without hope and cut off from God. They describe themselves as 'dry bones', lifeless and without a future. And in this dark moment God speaks of promise and restoration. This restoration of which Ezekiel speaks is not about individual bodily resurrection but the resurrection of a community. And this community is, in time, brought back to the land from which it was removed. What seems dead and impossible is never beyond the reach of God's power.

Life in the face of death will often constitute a unique challenge to faith and it matters not whether such death is sudden, or whether the journey to its door is hard, painful and slow. In these last days of Lent, we are conscious that many of us experience moments of dryness in our lives, either through spiritual fatigue, disappointment, buried under the weight of fear or failure. This reading in particular reminds us that God is a God of new beginnings, it invites us to trust that God can breathe new life into our own lives, into what may feel dead within us. And in so doing, prepares us for the Resurrection of Christ at Easter.

Deacon Alex

Anniversaries from the week commencing 22nd March 2026

James McCormack, Pauline Hill, Agnes Gaerty, Mary McManus, Patrick Oates, Rodney James Mason, Valerie Morgan, Marion Beasley, Danuta Anna Niedzwiecka, Lucy Ames, Diana Hawkins, Nicholas Chapman, Doris Sandon, John Cotte, Edward Doughty-Allen, William Coria, Monica McDougall, Edward Curran, Aidan Joseph O' Leary, Leonora Harvey, Peter Lobo, Percy Phillips, Kathleen Martin, Eileen O'Brien, John Sweetman, Dermot Costello, Robert Hines, Peter Corrigan, Mary Flannery, Thomas Gaffney, Gladys Boszko, Christopher North, Elsie Musk-Lynch, Hannah Crawford, Marie Guy-Mas, Horace Tarry, Giacomo Pollock, Alice Banaghan, Krystyna Len, Leonarda Wereszczynska, Elizabeth (Betty) Dempsey, Joan (Jane) Harding, Ann Mackay, Laurence McSwiggen, Maureen Erwin

Information & Diary

Sunday 22nd March

Monday 23rd March

8-9pm: Bingo in the Parish Hall**.**

Tuesday 24th March
1-3pm: Senior citizens. In the Coffee Lounge.
6.30pm: Meditation: in the Bulbeck Room with Fr. Robin Burgess.

Wednesday 25th March The Annunciation of the Lord
10-12pm: Benedict Renew. In the coffee lounge.
7.00-8.30pm: Care for Creation talk. Parish Hall. Please see back page for more details
7.00-8.15pm: Ealing Abbey Lay Plainchant Choir, Maurice Fowler Hall. see www.ealpc.org

Thursday 26th 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 27th 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.
2.30pm Pray for our teens-Newman chapel
5.30-6.00pm Confessions
1.30 & 8.20pm: Stations of the Cross

Saturday 28th March
10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Finance News

15th March 2026

Collection Offertory, ATM, and others: £1372

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

Care for Creation talk

Wednesday 25th March :7- 8.30pm Parish Hall. "In Support of Practical Solutions to Help Us Preserve and Enhance God's Creation". A short film followed by discussion. Light refreshments will be provided

Aid to the church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need will meet on Tuesday March 31st at 7.00pm in the Coffee Lounge. All welcome to join.

Children's Passion Liturgy

Fr. Ambrose invites all primary aged school children, to participate in the children's Passion Liturgy at 12noon on Good Friday 3rd April. Rehearsals are on Wednesday 1st April at 10 am and Thursday 2nd April at 10am in the Abbey Church. 1st or 2nd form children also invited as readers. Do bring your children. All are 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 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 at 8.15 pm on Wednesday 22 April in the Coffee Lounge to discuss Aerth by Deborah Tomkins. The book to read for the following meeting is H is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald. All are welcome.

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.