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Ealing Abbey Church of St. Benedict Newsletter and Information bulletin

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SUNDAY 5 OF EASTER

Acts 6:1-7 1 Pet 2: 4-9; John14 :1-12



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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

<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,

Do fairy stories still come true? I mean, imprisoned princesses and dragons and princes turned into frogs and that sort of thing? Obviously not. And certainly not in Blakesley Avenue, but yet, something a little odd did happen the other day as I walked down that road and passed a white van, and as I walked past, I heard a faint voice, crying ‘Help!’ ‘Did you hear that?’ I asked my companion. ‘No’, came the answer. I looked around and saw no one, but again there came the faint, plaintive cry, ‘Help!’ an empty street, a white van, and a still, small, unhappy voice. Then I noticed that the side door of the van was lodged at an uncomfortable angle and I listened again, and there was the small voice. ‘I’ve locked myself in’ it said, ‘Can I pass out my keys so you can unlock the back door?’ There followed a tense moment while I attempted to retrieve a bunch of keys through the narrowest of cracks at one end of the misaligned side door, which constantly threatened to end in me having fewer fingers rather than more keys. In the end I had the magic solution to the problem; but where was the lock? It took a good deal of scanning to find the extra lock added to the back door to make it more secure, more secure I think than was intended by the owner, and lo! the doors swung open to reveal....certainly not an imprisoned princess, or even a frog, but a plumber, who had created inside his van a perfect cave to hide and hold his treasury of gleaming tools, and there they were, rack upon rack of them. Think of it; he had a perfect secure place for the tools of his secret arts and locked himself inside it. Now there’s a metaphor to chew on.

Which, naturally, brings us to this Sunday’ gospel. Once again, the apostles, this time represented by Thomas and Philip, are missing the point. They think that finding God involves some secret knowledge or access, but Jesus puts them right. We cannot come to the Father by ourselves, we lack the ability to perceive or understand what this might mean, which is why we have Jesus, completely God, and yet completely us as well, and we can, sort of, understand another human. And in all those rooms in the Father’s house, there is room for everyone, anyone, who can see the treasure of His presence, not locked away secretly, but there for all to see on every corner, or even, if you can hear the still small voice, Blakesley Avenue.

Happy Easter.

Abbot Martin Shipperlee OSB

Anniversaries from the week commencing 3rd MAY 2026

Arthur Briginshaw, Andrew Lemon, Peter Manogue,
Anne Mary Wickramarante, Ann Fahy, Lourdes Pilar Jones,
Betty Hall, Sharon (Jemmy) Fahy, Denis Karen Savanovic,
Percy Brennan, Alberta Bradley, Anthony Mitchell, Wilfred Campbell,
Mary Quinn, Sister Mary Howard, Ann Hatton, Stella Stirzaker,
Marie Benedicta Wilson, Geneviève le Grand, Margaret (Peggy) O'Donnell,
Dom. Dominic Young, Honora O'Sullivan, Thomas Convey,
Elizabeth Molloy, Jan Jerzy Chmaj, Anthony Bugeja, James Grant, Irwin
Phelan, Lilian Weingarten, Peter Fitzgerald, Peter Males,
George Priechenfried, David Patrick Jones

Information & Diary

Sunday 3rd May

Monday 4th May All Martyrs of England and Wales

8-9pm: Bingo in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday 5th May

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

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

Wednesday 6th May

10am-12pm: Benedict Renew in the coffee lounge.

Thursday 7th May

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 8th May

9.45-11 am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament-Newman Chapel

Saturday 9th May Blessed Thomas Pickering

10-11am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10am-12pm Art& prayer. Abbot ford room. See back page for more details

3-5pm: Ealing Charismatic Prayer group-Coffee Lounge. See back page for more details

Today our children will be celebrating their First Holy Communion. We kindly ask you to keep our children in your prayers so that they grow in faith, love, and devotion as they receive Jesus for the first time.

Finance News

26th April 2026

Collection Offertory, ATM, and others: £1655

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

Art & Prayer

Join us for the next Art & Prayer session as we reflect on Pentecost and the Scripture theme “the Spirit helps us in our weakness” (Romans 8:26). This is a gentle, supportive space to pause, pray, and explore Catholic spiritual themes through simple art making. No skills are required or taught—just come as you are. Everyone is very welcome. **Saturday 9th May, 10am–12 noon**, in the Abbot Ford Room, Ealing Abbey. £5 entry or feel free to bring your own materials. For more information, contact rozamarias@gmail.com.

MARY'S MEALS LENTEN LUNCH SUNDAY, 10 MAY 2026 – 1PM IN PARISH HALL

Tickets will be sold after the 6pm Mass on Saturday, 2 May & Sunday, 3 May after the morning Masses in the bookshop porch, as well as from the Parish Office & Benet Bar.

We would be most grateful if you could donate prizes e.g. drinks & toiletries for the raffle. The raffle will take place on Sunday, 10 May at the lunch. Please leave any donations in the Parish Office. Tel: 020 8194 2301; email: parishoffice@ealingabbey.org.uk.

Parish Liturgy for those affected by Suicide

Wednesday 13th May 2026

7.15 pm gathering at the Abbey steps

Ealing Charismatic Prayer Group

Come join us for worship songs, reading and reflecting on Scripture, healing and intercession prayer - and afterwards a cup of tea/coffee and a chat.

We are an informal prayer group within the tradition of the charismatic renewal, who meets every first and third Saturday of the month in Ealing Abbey's coffee lounge, from 3-5pm. Everyone welcome!

Saturday 2nd & 16th May; 6th & 20th June, through to the end of the year!

Ealing Abbey Foodbank donations

The Abbey Foodbank donations are valued by the Ealing Foodbank, and the collections over the past few years have been successfully run by a small team. However, this is too few now to continue without new volunteers. If you think this service is one that our parish should deliver, please consider joining the group. The duties are light, but volunteers must be reliable.

Would you be able to mind the donations table for one Sunday morning Mass (always the last weekend of the month)? Or to drive the crates of donations to the Foodbank warehouse in Hanwell (a rota for Wednesday mornings following collections, requires some lifting and a car with good carrying capacity)? If you could, please give your name and contact details to the Parish Office parishoffice@ealingabbey.org.uk or one of the parish priests.