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

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## **SUNDAY 6 OF EASTER**

Acts 8:15-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3: 15-18; John 14:15-21



### 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

<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,*

“Hope?” so the old joke goes, “ok, you have two hopes: no hope and Bob Hope.”

In the first reading Philip, a deacon, ignoring deep-seated prejudices between Jews and Samaritans, brings the gospel message of hope to Samaria, so fulfilling Jesus' command to spread the Gospel beyond Judaea. This is at a time of great persecution throughout the church, and Philip is using the opportunity to turn disaster into something which will offer hope.

It is certainly difficult to account for hope in the face of persecution. Denis McBride shares the following story: the scene is a courtyard in a prison. The time is dawn. The prisoner is led out to be shot: he is a priest who is sentenced to death because he opposed his country's policy of slave trade in its colony. As he stands against an outer wall he faces seven members of the firing squad, all his own countrymen. Before the blindfold is put on, the prisoner is asked for the traditional last request, and he replies that he wants to play his flute one last time.

The firing squad is stood at ease as they wait for the prisoner to play and soon the courtyard is filled with music that sounds all the more beautiful in this place of death. The officer in charge becomes uneasy because the more the music goes on, the more absurd his task appears to be. He orders the music to stop, ties the blindfold, and he gives his men the command to fire. The priest dies instantly. But the music lingers on to the puzzle of his executioners: in the face of certain death, where does the music come from?

In today's second reading the early Christian community is told that their conduct should be such that their persecutors will be put to shame: “Always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have.”

When people face persecution, hope, along with truth, is often one of the first casualties which is why hope in the face of violent death is deeply puzzling to many people. But hope is the virtue that allows us to look to the future with confidence. When Jesus left his disciples, he had no intention of abandoning them to the point where they are left no hope without any help. He promises the Spirit, the Advocate, who will be with them forever. Without that, they would be left to their own devices which would prove hopeless and inadequate. Jesus' promise is of course extended to all of us in our own struggle in faith, and that is why we are called on to pray again for a renewal of the Spirit at Pentecost. With that Spirit in us we can continue the ancient Christian practice of puzzling people with the hope that is in us.

*Deacon Alex*

Anniversaries from the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026

Gerard Tiernan, Mary Dowling, Dorothy Steel, Marija Nankivell,  
Patrick Brady, Br Joseph Mullen, Patrick Heneghan, Agnes (Pia)

Lewis, Marjory Trevor, Anna Garcia, Susan Marie Malone,  
Adam Rukita, Dennis Foster, Sister Mary Paul, Frederick Fernandes,  
Elizabeth Kinnaird, Lola Marcangelo, John Griffin, Damian Bugeja,  
Mary Evans, Griselda Jascoll, Mary Cremin, Alexander Leverton,  
David Pass, Krystyna Pomerence, Jerzy Waihnicki, Florence French,  
Beatrice Davis, John McNicholas, Monica Higham, Elizabeth Jonscher,  
Elizabeth Kowalska, Kathryn Jones

## **Information & Diary**

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Mary's Meals Lenten lunch-1pm in the Parish Hall.

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May SS Odo, Maieul, Odilo, Hug & Blessed Peter the Venerable**

8-9pm: Bingo in the Parish Hall.

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

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

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

7.00pm: Aid to the church in need in the Coffee Lounge.

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

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

Parish Liturgy for those affected by Suicide. 7.15 pm gathering at the Abbey steps.

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May The Ascension of the Lord**

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.

8.00pm: Extra Mass.

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May St Pachomius**

9.45-11 am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

10-11am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

3-5pm: Ealing Charismatic prayer group in the coffee lounge.

See back page for more details.

# **Finance News**

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

Collection Offertory, ATM, and others: £1861

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

## **Aid to the church in Need**

Aid to the Church in Need meeting will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm in the Coffee Lounge. All welcome.

## **Parish Liturgy for those affected by Suicide**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026

7.15 pm gathering at the Abbey steps

Clotilde de Cacqueray walked the Via Francigena alone from Aosta to Rome, starting on 14<sup>th</sup> May last year, as part of the Jubilee of Hope. Come and hear her story on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> May from 7:30–8:30 pm at Ealing Abbey Parish Hall. Following the talk, we'll meet at the Benet Bar. All are welcome.

**St Michael & St Martin Church, Hounslow**, invites you to a **Mass for children and adults with additional needs**, to be celebrated by Fr Damian-Mary Moneke on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 2:00 p.m., followed by light refreshments in the parish hall.

All are most welcome, particularly parishioners and visitors with additional needs, together with their families, friends and carers.

## **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!

## **Ealin 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](mailto:parishoffice@ealingabbey.org.uk) or one of the parish priests.