



20/09/2026

Ealing Abbey Church of St. Benedict

Newsletter and Information Bulletin

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SUNDAY 25 IN ORDINARY TIMES

Isa 55: 6-9 : Phil 1: 20c-24,27a: Matt 20: 1-16a



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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,

The words from the prophet Isaiah ‘for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways are not your ways’ find a very clear echo in today's gospel. This is undoubtedly a gospel for latecomers, highlighting what Dennis McBride refers to as ‘the wisdom of reversal’, where the youngest son, the last to arrive, and the most unlikely winner of anything goes off into the sunshine having married the princess and inherited the riches of the kingdom. This of course is entirely down to the graciousness and generosity of others. Maybe it's a part of our natural human weakness which allows us to be upset with the good fortune of others when we don't think it is deserved. The accepted wisdom teaches us that you get what you work for, if you want something you have to earn it. We feel aggrieved when our values are turned upside down. The well-constructed mental tape switches itself on – or maybe it never switches itself off – and it shouts aloud: ‘If someone gets what I am getting but hasn't put in as much effort as I have, I am being cheated.’

Yet we know well that the most valuable thing in life is being loved by someone else, that isn't something which we earn, but it depends entirely on the generosity of someone else. And it is the same with God. This Gospel is challenging us to see things God's way, not ours. (A similar scenario can also be found in the story of the Prodigal son, with the older son greatly aggrieved at the welcome his reckless younger brother receives from his father. He very much feels cheated and hard done by). If we begin to resent God's freedom to show mercy to whom He pleases, the mental tape goes into override, we join the list of grumblers like those in today's parable but by doing so we forget how we ourselves benefit from the mercy of God.

*Though justice be our plea, consider this,
That, in the course of justice, none of us
Should see salvation: we do pray for mercy;
And that same prayer doth teach us all to render
The deeds of mercy.*
(Portia, Merchant of Venice Act 4 sc.1)

Deacon Alex

Anniversaries from the week commencing 20th September 2026

Rebecca Sabbagh, Lal Shorey, Jim Cousins, Peter Geraghty,
Cosmas Andall, Walenty Szczygłowski, Majiec wietochowski,
Ginige de Silva, Mary Theresa McElligott, Bridie Weeks,
Sheila Lyons, Aileen Murphy, Odette Gostwick,
Sr Andre Dullaghan, Kate Agnes Cummins, Jessica James,
Marie-Eve Malhomme de la Roche, Ernest (Erni) Witcomb,
Robin Charles Collis, Cyril Bastable, Kathleen Marie Rousseau,
Bernard Davis, Rose Kelly, Margaret Kraxner, Bryan Leverton,
Margaret O'Brien, William Mulligan, Catherine Smith,
Ita Bernadette Callaghan, Mary Magdalene Wheeler

Information & Diary

Sunday 20th September

9am Care for Creation Mass (see back page for more details)

Monday 21st September St Matthew

8-9pm: Bingo in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday 22nd September

1-3pm: Senior citizens. Coffee Lounge.

6.30pm: Meditation with Fr Robin Burgess. Bulbeck room.

Wednesday 23rd September St Pius of Pietrelcina

10am-12pm: Benedict Renew: drop in free cafe. Enjoy peace and quiet or join in hobbies and activities. Coffee lounge.

Gregorian Chant Lay Choir meet 7pm most Wednesdays. Please check the Calendar at www.ealpc.org.

Thursday 24th September

9.30:12.30: Toddlers group. Bullbeck room and old workshop.

10.00am: Lectio Divina in the Coffee lounge with Sheila Rees, refreshments at 11.00am and meditation at 11.15am with Fr Robin Burgess.

Friday 25th September

10-11am exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday 26th September

10-11am exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Finance News

September 13th, 1706

Collection Offertory, ATM, and others: £2037

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

The Aid to the Church in Need group thank the parishioners for their extremely generous support for the Raffle, Bread and Soup lunch for the Lebanon Fund. £2002 was raised and will be match funded.

Care for Creation Mass

9am Sunday Mass 20th September, Ealing Abbey

Rejoicing in creation. You are welcome to join us after the 9am Mass in the Coffee lounge for refreshments and sharing of harvest. All donations from the sale of produce from this event will go to **CAFOD**. Please bring contributions to the coffee lounge before the 9am Mass.

Food Bank Collection

There will be a Foodbank collection on Sunday 27th September. As this is the day of the Ealing Half Marathon, we always warn people of likely disruption to their journey to Mass. Donations of food may be left at both ends of the church at all Masses. The total weight of food has been averaging around 140 kg each collection, which is greatly appreciated by the Foodbank and makes a real difference to their clients. The Warehouse Manager particularly thanks Ealing Abbey parishioners for the high quality of the food they donate.

Book Circle

The next meeting will be at 8.15 pm on Wednesday 21st October in the Coffee Lounge to discuss The Correspondent by Virginia Evans. All are welcome. The book to read for the following meeting is Tasting Sunlight by Ewald Arenz.

Recycled Religious Christmas cards

Recycled Religious Christmas cards will be available to buy in the Bookshop porch on Sunday 25th October. Or phone 0208 998 0816. This is the last year they will be sold so please do not bring used cards for recycling after Christmas 2026.