



18/10/2026

Ealing Abbey Church of St. Benedict

Newsletter and Information Bulletin

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SUNDAY 29 IN ORDINARY TIME

Isa 45 : 1,4-6 1 Thess 1: 1-5b : Matt 22: 15-21



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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

MASSSES

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,

‘Whose image do you see?’ Asks Jesus of those who would trap him. The image on the coin is Caesar’s and so Jesus neatly sidesteps the trap. Yet this leaves the real question for us to answer by ourselves; whose image do we bear? We all know what we should say, that we are made in the image and likeness of God, but how do we do that, we who are so good at imputing holiness (or perhaps its opposite) to others, how do we find that image in ourselves?

Since November 1st is coming into to view, we could look at the saints to guide us. There’s Teresa of Avila on whose feast day I am writing this; someone who had intense interior experience of Jesus who spent her time rushing from convent to convent among the reformed Carmelites who followed her, organising and teaching in the most practical way. You can see something of the same in my patron, Martin of Tours, who can be variously understood as a pacifist soldier, an icon of identifying with the poor and needy, an untiring pastor caring for his flock and a wonderworking bishop driving away demons, then man who brought the stern asceticism of the Egyptian monks to the northwest of Europe. He’s all of these, depending on what you look for. Or we could look at a more modern saint, Pier-Giorgio Frassati, canonised in 20225 along with St Carlo Acutis. I couldn’t really make much sense of Pier-Giorgio; I know of his intense piety and heroic devotion to the poor and sick he personally knew, and of course, the mountaineering, but what hadn’t noticed was his political activity as a campaigner and speaker and organiser in an environment that called for physical bravery to speak out. We all pray, somehow, and we care for those around us, in our own way, but to reach beyond our personal world and accept our social responsibilities, well, that’s rarer and it’s what makes Peir-Giorgio special. That and the mountain climbing.

So what about us then? Perhaps my last saint will help; St Edward the Confessor. We are a bit apologetic about him nowadays since, although famous and history changing, his inner life is quite hidden from us. Ronald Knox’s splendid sermon for his feast is well worth reading, but is tangential, at best, to the real Edward, since the usual ‘Useless king but nice man’ trope doesn’t work; we don’t know if he was actually nice or not and he was not such a bad king. His reign marked the defeat of the Danish Conquest, and it was only his death that opened the way the Norman one. Moreover, he died a good age, at peace, in his own bed, unlike his six brothers, his Danish rivals and his two famous successors. So why remember him? Because this blank sheet of sanctity opens the way for us to see where that image of God can be seen even in humdrum people like ourselves. The saints I’ve mentioned all have a place where what they knew and experienced in themselves became what they did for others. Find that place and there you might see the image of God in unbelievable numbers of people whose sanctity is unknown.

Happy All Saints (when we get there).

Abbot Martin Shipperlee OSB

Anniversaries from the week commencing 18th October 2026

Elwira Kusnierz, John Cooper, Shirley Long, Donal Mooney,
Ludwig Stagl, Christopher Hajduk, Mary Parrish, Gwen Pereira, Bridget McKernan,
Michael Lowndes, Daryl O'Connor, Nuala Scarry, Thomas Dowling,
John McGuire, Stanislaw Buczek, Sheila Redmond, Edith Bodnar, Nelly Callant,
Louis de la Planque English, Agnes Marron, Amelia Keene, Catherine McSwiggan,
Daphne Malengreau, Jean Murray, Anthony Mullin, Margaret Storey,
Roy Anderson, Paul Manduke-Curtis, Anne Drepaul, Alan Bailey, Maurice Brindley,
Elizabeth Salaun, Norah Kulwicz, Pamela Ann McKenna, Marc Mentior,
Catherine Sawyer, Zbigniew Makowiecki, Dominic George Brown

Information & Diary

Sunday 18th October

A second collection for World Mission Day will be taken after all Masses this Sunday

Second collection for The Spiritans Mission Appeal will be collected after all the
Masses next Sunday

Monday 19th October

8-9pm: Bingo in the Parish Hall.

Tuesday 20th October

1-3pm: Senior citizens. Coffee Lounge.

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

Wednesday 21st October

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.

8.15pm Book Circle. Coffee lounge. See back page for more details

Thursday 22nd October

9.30-12.30: Toddlers group. Parish 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.

7:00pm: RCIA Event: All Saints. See back page for more details

23rd October

10-11am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday 24th October

10-11am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Finance News

11th October 2026

Collection Offertory, ATM, and others: £2529

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

Altar Server Training

Would your child like to serve at Mass? Deacon Ian is holding an altar server training session on **Sunday 1 November at 2pm**. If your child would like to take part, and new servers are welcome, please contact Deacon Ian at ianedwards@rcdow.org.uk to register. Children must have received their First Holy Communion to become altar servers.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes

Are you interested in volunteering or joining the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2027 with St Benedict's? Email formation@ealingabbey.org.uk for more information and to register interest.

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.

RCIA Event: All Saints Thursday 22nd October 2026 7pm

Discover the lives of Saints and how they continue to inspire us today as we approach the feast of All Saints. Join us in the Coffee Lounge for an evening of reflection on this and more. With food, conversation and a great evening together.

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.

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals is inviting you to a special **Gifts in Wills** meeting at Ealing Abbey on Tuesday 27th October, 11am-1pm. This is simply an information session where you will learn more about legacies. Parking is free and a light lunch is included too.

To find out more please pick up a leaflet at the back of church today or scan the QR code.



Parish Race Night

Save the Date: Parish Race Night Saturday November 14th
7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Further details will follow.