08/11/2026

Ealing Abbey Church of St. Benedict

Newsletter and Information Bulletin

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SUNDAY 32 IN ORDINARY TIMES

Wis 6 : 12-16 ; 1 Thess 4 : 13-18 : Matt 25 :1-13



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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,

A wedding in the family! What joy, what excitement – and what a lot of preparation! Jesus knew all about the importance of wedding feasts and he referred to them in his parables, sometimes comparing the Kingdom of God (or, as some scholars say, 'the Kin-dom of God') to a wedding feast to which we are all invited. Obviously, the invited guests need to prepare themselves, and today's Gospel tells us how, in Jesus' time, the guests awaited the bridegroom's approach to the bride's house, in order to enter into the festivities – but the bridegroom's arrival could happen at any time, so thoughtful preparation was needed!

In its Biblical context, this parable is at the beginning of chapter 25 of Matthew's Gospel, while chapter 24 is a gathering of sayings of Jesus about endings, specifically the Fall of Jerusalem and the Second Coming, with the final verses (24: 37 – 51) referring to being aware and ready. When we put this parable in the context of today, we realise we are now in November, and the year is drawing to an end: in fact, the Church's Liturgical Year will end in two weeks' time. Today we are being reminded about the end of time and encouraged to be aware and ready. One day Christ will come to each of us, in that final mysterious moment when our earthly life is completed. This is not meant as a frightening or threatening thought, but an invitation to prepare to enter joyfully into the feast that God has prepared for us.

Actually, Christ is always coming he comes in Scripture, in the Eucharist, in the person who needs a hand or a smile, in the interruption we did not plan, in a quiet moment. The invitation is to meet the Lord with burning lamps: the oil is the individual life of each one of us - we cannot borrow that oil from someone else, but we can tend our own lamp wisely. We don't have to illuminate the whole world, but only to try faithfully to keep our small flame alive, ready to greet the bridegroom who will lead us into the banquet.

Have a blessed week.

Sr. Catherine Booth, MSOLA

Anniversaries from the week commencing 8th November 2026

Charlie Forrest, Harry Clark, Adele Parravicini, Victor Sorapure, Philip De La Croix, Margaret Shea, Patricia Forrest, Joseph Alleyne, Dennise Shalloe, William Jackson, Rosa Pitcairn, Snehaprabha Santhirasenan, Vida Mae Williams, Sr Marcela McMahon MMM, Philomena Coleman, Christopher McCauley, Alexa Haider, Kathleen Murphy, Peter Glover, Sr Mary Howard MMM, Peter McElwee, Eugene Hardingham, Norman Walton, Ben Ball, Regina Macwan, Eta McCorry, Joan Murphy, George Bodnar, Abed Jajou, Kathleen Keenan, Anne Taylor, Stanislaw Palkowski, Mary Hooper, Maurice Mulcahy, John Flynn, Tim Lucey, Donald Cameron, Barry Murphy, Concillia Moyo, Jean Lilian Hutchins

Information & Diary

Sunday 8th November

Second collection for Sick and Retired priests will take place next week after all the Masses. See back page for more details

Monday 9th November The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

Tuesday 10th November St Leo the Great

1-3pm: Senior citizens. Coffee Lounge.

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

Wednesday 11th November St Martin of Tours

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 12th November

9.30-12 pm: 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.

13th November All Saints of the Order of St Benedict

10-11am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

8.30-12pm: ACN gifts, cards, coffee, cakes sale in the Coffee Lounge.

6.30pm: Parish Rome Pilgrimage talk & film. Parish hall

Saturday 14th November

10-11am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

10-12pm: Art and Prayer group. Old Workshop

2pm – 4.30pm: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers Afternoon of Reflection. Bulbeck Room. See back page for more details

7pm: Race Night. Parish hall

Finance News

1st November 2026

Collection Offertory, ATM, and others: £2143
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

Community of St Martin - Billets for seminary pilgrimage

100 seminarians from the Community of St Martin, based in Evron, France, are coming on a pilgrimage to London between 1 and 5 February 2027. If you might be able to billet one or more of the (student-aged) seminarians for four nights, please contact evenements@csm.fr for further details.

The Parish Aid to the Church in Need

Wednesday 18 November is Red Wednesday, when we remember persecuted and suffering Christians throughout the world. The 9:15 am and 6:00 pm Masses in the Abbey that day will be for their intention. The Parish Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) group are organising supporting events and displays prior to Red Wednesday: On Friday 13 November, gift and Christmas card sale in the Coffee Lounge, with coffee and cakes, from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon. On Sunday 15 November, gift and Christmas card sale in the Bookshop porch after all morning Masses. Raffle tickets will be on sale at both events. The ACN group will also be collecting obsolete/foreign coins and notes in support of ACN. Further information can be found on posters in both porches.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers Afternoon of Reflection will be held by Deacon Ian on Saturday 14th November from 2pm – 4.30pm in the Bulbeck Room. Extraordinary Ministers and Readers are reminded they should attend an afternoon of reflection prior to being recommissioned at the end of November.

Collection for Sick and Retired priests

Next weekend is the annual collection for sick and retired priests in the Diocese of Westminster. The number of our priests over the age of 75 is steadily increasing and caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. Whilst we work with the NHS and local authorities to ensure funding gaps are met; we still rely heavily on the generosity of parishioners who contribute to this worthy fund each year.
Therefore, I would like to ask for your help once again as we draw close to this year's annual appeal for our Sick & Retired Priests.

Ealing Charity Christmas Card Shop

A selection of Christmas cards is available in support of various charities, including SVP, Mary's Meals, CAFOD and Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea).
The shop is open Monday to Saturday, 10am–4pm, at Christ the Saviour Church, Ealing.

IT and Marketing Volunteer Needed

The Abbey is seeking a volunteer with experience in IT and/or marketing to support the development and implementation of the charity's digital strategy. For further information, please contact **info@ealingabbey.org.uk**.