

Ealing Abbey Parish of St. Benedict

Saturday 8th December 2018

ADVENT RETREAT

“What does Christmas mean for me?”

*Understanding Salvation
in our world today
and living our capacity
for God
in the here and now*

10.15am – 4.00pm in the Parish Hall.

Led by **Sr. Bernadette Hunston SCJA**
(Sisters of Charity of Jeanne Antide)

Mass, Adoration and Confession

£12.00 including lunch. **Please register by filling in the details below** and returning to the Parish Office - Ealing Abbey, 2, Marchwood Crescent, Ealing, London, W5 2DZ.

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Dietary requirements:.....



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Sr. Bernadette Hunston SCJA will be presenting a series of three Friday evenings of reflection, in the parish hall.

7.30pm refreshments, talk starts at 7.45 – 8.45pm
NO NEED TO REGISTER, please, just turn up on the night.

Friday 7th December 2018

“MARY AND THE ANGEL” (The Annunciation)

Emmanuel – God is one of us in our humanity and the call to discover the divine within.

Friday 14th December 2018

THE STORY OF THE SAVIOUR’S BIRTH IN KEYWORDS -

Bethlehem; Manger; Shepherds; Wise Men; Gifts and more . . .

Friday 21st December 2018

THE PROLOGUE OF JOHN’S GOSPEL:

The Incarnation in its most profound and deepest mystery revealed.

Sister Bernadette is Superior of the Sisters of Charity of Jeanne Antide at Woodfield Road in the Parish. She is a lecturer in Spiritual Theology at Allen Hall, the Westminster Diocesan Seminary. She has been a member of the Formation Team for the training of candidates for the Priesthood and still plays an active role in Formation of candidates. Sister Bernadette is also a Tutor to those preparing for Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate for the Westminster Diocese. She is often sought after as a Spiritual Director and frequently called upon to give talks to Religious and parish groups and support Religious communities in their on-going discernment of ministry.

PILGRIMAGE TO OBERAMMERGAU AND MUNICH 2020

The world-famous Oberammergau Passion Play is performed by the locals of Oberammergau in Germany just once a decade. In 1634, the Black Plague devastated Europe's population. Oberammergau remained untouched until a homesick villager returned one night, unknowingly bringing with him the dreaded plague. Almost 100 villagers died as a result. Frightened survivors vowed that if God saved them from the plague, once every 10 years, they would re-enact the agony and crucifixion of Christ. From then on, there were no further deaths from the plague, and the villagers have fulfilled their pledge ever since.



Spiritual Leader – Dom. Peter Burns OSB

Coordinator – Deacon Gordon Nunn

Date of Pilgrimage 30th September – 6th October 2020

To register your interest, obtain a copy of the itinerary, fill in an application form to sign up for the trip, or for any more information, please phone the parish office on 0208 862 2160.

There is an early booking discount of £30 per person for bookings received by 14th December 2018



Vincent de Paul (1580-1660)



SVP ANNUAL APPEAL *December 2nd 2018*

The death bed confession of a dying servant opened Vincent's eyes to the crying spiritual needs of the peasantry in France.

This seems to have been a crucial moment in the life of this man from a small farm in Gascony, France, who had become a priest with little more ambition than to have a comfortable life. He was persuaded to support a group of able and zealous missionaries who would work among poor tenant farmers and country people in general. Vincent was too humble to accept leadership at first. After working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley-slaves, he returned to be the leader of what is now known as the

Vincentians. These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to people in smaller towns and villages.

Later, Vincent established confraternities of charity for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick of each parish. From these, came the Daughters of Charity, "whose convent is the sickroom, whose chapel is the parish church, whose cloister is the streets of the city"

He organised the rich women in Paris to collect funds for his missionary projects, founded several hospitals, collected relief funds for the victims of war and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries.

Most remarkably, Vincent was by temperament a very irascible person – even his friends admitted it. He said that except for the Grace of God he would have been "hard and repulsive, rough and cross." But he became a tender and affectionate man, very sensitive to the needs of others. Pope Leo XIII made Vincent de Paul the patron of all charitable societies. Outstanding among these, founded in 1833 by his admirer Blessed Frederic Ozanam, is the

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

This Society is now an International organisation of lay people that seeks to help those who are poor. Poverty comes in various forms- not only financial hardship but sickness, loneliness, social stress, domestic violence, addiction and inability in general to cope with life today. The SVP is active here in Ealing Abbey Parish. This year, Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd December is our Annual Advent Appeal when members of our society will speak at all Masses to ask for your continued support and to update parishioners on our work. We will be asking, especially for prayers for the SVP and for those who are visited by our members. We will be looking to recruit new members, to help with visiting, and appealing for donations.

Finally, if anyone knows of a person who may need help from the SVP, regardless of religion or none, please contact us through the parish office on 0208 862 2160.

Thank you, dear parishioners, for reading about and listening to our appeal.