

BAPTISM: baptisms should take place as soon as possible, preferably within weeks of the birth. Those wishing to have their child baptised, please contact the parish office to register for the course of instruction.

FOODBANK COLLECTION on Sunday 20 January. Please do not leave donations after 1pm. See notice boards for most needed foods.

PILGRIMAGE TO OBERAMMERGAU 30 Sept – 6 Oct 2020, led by Fr. Peter.

Proposed Itinerary and Application Forms available from Parish Office

URGENTLY NEEDED Confident young Readers for 12 noon Sunday Masses. Please contact the parish office if you would like to volunteer – 020 8862 2160

or email: parishoffice@ealingabbey.org.uk

OPENING SOON - EALING FOODBANK New client centre at Ealing Green Church.

You are invited to an open meeting at 10am on Tuesday 15th January. For further information about the work of the Foodbank and how to become a Volunteer, visit

www.ealingfoodbank.org.uk or email: infor@ealing.foodbank.org.uk

OFFERING HOPE WORKSHOPS – Courtyards ‘Offering Hope’ workshop on 22 Jan 7-9pm. The workshop is open to anyone who is interested in how the church can help and make a difference to the lives of young people. Conversations between individuals will give an idea of current projects happening in the Diocese. If you wish to attend please email sophie@millionminutes.org

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CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN CENTRAL EALING (CTCE) will visit Ealing Abbey on Sat 19 Jan at 2.30pm. Fr. Dominic will talk about the workings and history of what is potentially a spiritual powerhouse, centred around the Benedictine Community at the Abbey. The visit will take place during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Please contact Noreen Barnes-Hoggett Noreen29@googlemail.com or call 020 8997 4938.

NEWMAN CIRCLE: A talk has been arranged by the Newman Circle on Thurs 24 Jan at 8pm on ‘Christians Against Poverty’ & ‘Ealing Job Club, A nationwide charity working with the Church to tackle the main causes of UK poverty. Speakers are Azniv Pambakian & Julia Sarson, who operates from St. Paul’s, Ealing. All are welcome. There will be a **voluntary** retiring collection.

‘VINNIE PACKS PROJECT’ FUND-RAISING CONCERT on Mon 4 Feb at 7pm, Farm Street Catholic Church, 114 Mount St., SW1P 9EZ. TV Star Alexander Armstrong will Compere and sing, joining him is the Soprano Miranda Heldt who sings all over the world in concerts. Book online at www.evenbrite.co.uk Tickets £30.

CAFOD in Westminster diocese requires volunteer to speak in parishes and/or schools to speak about Cafod’s work in the developing world. For more details, or to book a place on the next information day in London on Saturday 19th January, please ring 020 8449 6970 Or email: westminster@cafod.org.uk

FLOWERS: to arrange for flowers to be placed in the church, in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving, please contact the parish office. By tradition flowers are not placed in the church during the season of Advent.

RETURNING TO THE CHURCH? Our Landings group may provide you with the welcome you need. Call 07949 089202 for further information.

EALING ABBEY COUNSELLING SERVICE: a non-denominational counselling service offering 1:1 and couples’ counselling at 1a Montpelier Avenue. For appointments call 020 8998 3361 or email: counselling@eacs.org.uk

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: our parish offers a confidential bereavement support service for anyone who would like help in their grief. Please telephone 020 8862 2167 or 020 8862 2160 where you can also leave a message.

MONTH OF PRAYER FOR OUR YOUNG

On Thursday 31 January at 6pm we will have a Mass on the feast of St. John Bosco, praying especially for our young people of the Parish. This will be followed by Adoration and the Rosary. Please come along and join us.

13th January 2019



*The Holy Spirit descended on him
like a dove, and a voice came from heaven,
‘You are my Son, the Beloved;
my favour rests on you.’*

The Baptism of the Lord Year C

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Divine Office

The Monastic Liturgy of the Hours

		Weekday	Saturday
Matins	Sunday	6.00 am	6.30 am
Lauds		7.35 am	7.35 am
Terce	7.35 am	9.00 am	
Vespers		6.35 pm	5.30 pm
Compline	6.00 pm	8.00 pm	
Vigil			7.30 pm

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday:	10-11am, 4-5pm, 7-7.25pm
Thursday:	8.00-8.30 pm

Rosary

After 9.15am Mass
Monday-Saturday

Sunday Mass

8.00 am	(Latin 1 st Sunday of the month)
9.00 am	(with children’s liturgy)
10.15 am	(Family Mass in Abbey Hall)
10.30 am	(Choral Mass)
12 noon	(Sung Mass)
7.00 pm	(Young People’s Mass)

Weekday Masses

7.00 am	(with the Monastic Community)
9.15 am	(8.45am Friday in term-time)
6.00 pm	

Saturday Mass

7.00 am	
9.15 am	(with the Monastic community)
6.00 pm	(Vigil Mass of Sunday)

**BISHOP JOHN WILSON WILL BE VISITING EALING ABBEY ON
SATURDAY 9TH & SUNDAY 10TH FEBRUARY**

Please see insert in next week’s bulletin for further information.

Dear Parishioner

The Baptism of the Lord is told in all four gospels with each one giving its own slant. Luke's version is the only one which mentions Jesus "was at prayer". Luke doesn't emphasize the actual baptism at all, but majors on the descent of the Holy Spirit and the voice from heaven. "Heaven opened". "The Holy Spirit descended like a dove". "A voice came from heaven" The voice makes three statements, each with its own importance: "You are my son. "The beloved". "My favour rests on you". We are reminded of Jesus' words at the Last Supper, "As the Father has loved me so I have loved you, remain in my love".

The inclusion of verses 15 and 16 in the reading remind us that Jesus' baptism took place when John the Baptist's ministry was about to come to an end. The baptism was therefore Jesus' call to public ministry. In the bible a call to do God's work is often preceded by a deep experience of God, like Isaiah, Jeremiah and Gideon in the Old Testament, Mary and Zechariah in the New. Experience bears out that this pattern of a deep personal experience leading to a new commitment occurs in the lives of many people, such as Augustine, Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila, and to many other great men and women.

Can we identify a similar pattern in our own lives too? Luke notes that Jesus came forward "when all the people had been baptised," inviting us to see him as entering into solidarity with those who had come to John for baptism. In Luke's version, Jesus' baptism was a personal experience. Might each of us have had a similar experience in our own lives? If so what have we done about it?

With prayers

Deacon Gordon

Please pray for those who died recently, including: Eileen Elliott, Cotis Nigel Stuart Paul,

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: John Burgoin, Daphne Sheehan, Amelia Roskiewicz, Jeanne Chambers, Michael Scarman, Paul Kelly, Ellen Colsell, Joan Buckland, Mary Byrne, Albert Cassis, Robert Gordon, Peggy Cooke, Catherine Baker, Evelyn Gastaldello, Beatrice Carney, Terrence Dougherty, Antonio Parla, Hanna Bokszczanin, Don Taylor, Gertrude Garland, Krystyna Irena Skellon, Joseph Collins, Ryszard Pintscher, Adrian Cave, Patrick Maguire, Clara O'Donnell, Patrick Cox, Anne Devine, Claudia Vierich, Hazel Muncey, Annette Robbins, Kitty Malone, William Newton, Mary Duke, Elizabeth Klug, Ethane Briest, Mary Richards and Thomas Joyce & Michael Lally

Sunday 13th January – The Baptism of the Lord
MONTH OF PRAYER FOR OUR YOUNG: this week we pray for our Young Adults and Adolescence. Please use the booklets provided to pray with the Saints. CONFIRMATION GROUP at 3.15 pm in the parish hall.

- *CHRISTMASTIDE ENDS* -

Monday - 14th January

BRIDGE CLUB at 6.30 pm in the Bulbeck Room.
BINGO at 8.30 pm in the parish hall.
TAIZÉ GROUP at 8.30 pm in the Newman Chapel.

Tuesday 15th January –SS. Maurus & Placid

TODDLERS' CLUB at 9.45 am in the parish hall.
SENIOR CITIZENS' SOCIAL CLUB at 1.00 pm in the coffee bar.
TUESDAY CATECHESIS for children attending non-Catholic primary schools 4-5 pm in the parish hall/Bulbeck Room.
MEDITATION GROUP at 6.30 pm in the Bulbeck Room.

Wednesday 16th January

CARE MASS at 11.30 am in the Bulbeck Room.
LAY PLAINCHANT CHOIR at 6.40 pm in the Bulbeck Room.
BOOK CIRCLE meets at 8.15 pm in the Hall, to discuss *Bitter Lemons of Cyprus* by Lawrence Durrell. All are welcome.

Thursday 17th January – St. Anthony of Egypt

TODDLERS' CLUB at 9.45 am in the parish hall.
LECTIO DIVINA at 10 am in the Bulbeck Room.
MEDITATION GROUP at 11.15 am in the Bulbeck Room.
PARISH AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED GROUP meets at 7pm in the Bulbeck Room. All are welcome. Enquiries phone Anne 020 8991 1081..
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 8.15 to 9 pm.

Friday 18th January

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY begins today.
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 9.45am to 12.30 pm.
NIGHT SHELTER for the homeless in the parish centre 5.30pm – 9.00am

Saturday 19th January

CATHOLICISM for seekers and those wishing to join the Catholic Church from 10.30 am in the Bulbeck Room and Coffee Bar.
TURIN SHROUD Maximilian Somerset is a magician who will give a presentation on the shroud of Turin being an impossible object; something that cannot have been made by human hands. 4-5pm in the hall. All are welcome.

Sunday 20th January – 2nd Sunday of the Year

FOODBANK COLLECTION: please leave contributions in the bookshop porch by 1 pm.
CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE at St. Peter's Church, 56 Mount Park Road, at 6pm, followed by refreshments. All are Welcome.