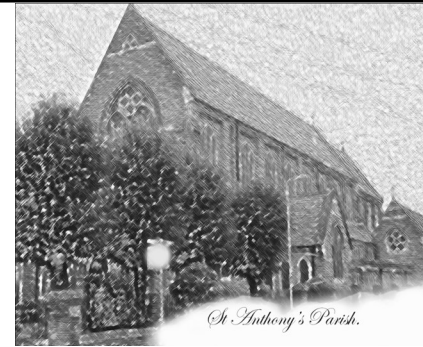


**MASS INTENTIONS****1st—7th January 2018**

<b>Monday 1st January</b> <b>Mary, Mother of God</b>	10.30am	Carmen Francis & Family
<b>Tuesday 2nd Feria</b>	7.45am	John, Helen & Dina Intentions
<b>Ss Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen</b>	10.00am	Gerry Booth
	8.00pm	<b>St Antony's Novena</b>
<b>Wednesday 3rd</b> <b>Feria of Christmastide</b>	7.45am	Kevin Tomy Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Patrick & Mary Kearns RIP
	2.30pm	Queen of Peace Hour of Mercy Prayer Group
	<b>6-7pm</b>	<b>Adoration</b>
<b>Thursday 4th</b> <b>Feria of Christmastide</b>	7.45am	Allan Heldt RIP
	10.00am	Jude Santos Thanksgiving
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Legion of Mary</b>
	<b>7.00pm-9.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Hour</b>
<b>Friday 5th</b> <b>Feria of Christmastide</b>	7.45am	Carmel Black RIP
	10.00am	Vernon Martin RIP
	<b>6-7pm</b>	<b>Adoration</b>
<b>Saturday 6th</b> <b>Feria of Christmastide</b>	7.45am	Joacquir Vaz RIP
	10.00am	Patricia Ogbuowelu Intentions
	<b>5.30-6.15pm</b>	<b>Adoration</b>
Vigil	6.30pm	Michael, Matilda Harrick RIP & Leslie Dench RIP
<b>Sunday 7th January</b> <b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	8.30am	Regina & Derek Hunter RIP
<b>Holyday of Obligation</b>	10.00am	Mr & Mrs Patrick Ikenga Intentions
	10.30am (Durning Hall)	People of the Parish
	12 Noon	Agnes Okafor RIP
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass

***Nine Day or one month Novena of Masses-contact Brother Stephen on 075 4694 6654 / [brstephenmanuel@gmail.com](mailto:brstephenmanuel@gmail.com) with the details. The masses will be Celebrated privately for nine days/or one month consecutively by one of the priests of the parish.***

**THE SICK**—we pray for the SICK of our Parish, Families & Friends— Maggie Hill, Linda Vaca, John Henshaw, John Hudziak, Toren Nelson, Victoria Thomas, Robert Faisal, Peter Kelly, James Ryan, Uzoamaka Anozie, Madalene Odisla, Trevor Fernandes, Bob Howells, Mary Docking, Enid Prosper, Mary Pierre, James Fallow, Brenda Morgan-Abel, Sarah Wornell, Baby Alanna Aries, Nicholas Providence, Aaron Marston, Teresa McManus, Pat Medlin, Amanda Decktor, Emily Treacy, John Weller, Gina Ballesteros, Mary Staunton, Manolo Remiddi, Gwendolyn Walker, Marcelle Niccolls, Eileen Dwyer, Clara Nicholas, Eustace Bellevue Jr, Teresita Perdido, Kenneth Rossi, Brenda Blanc, Bridget Lewis Nollie Rambayon, Barry Newman, Eileen Dwyer, Joseph Fernandes, Dean Fernades, Lerma Almeda, Frederick Tangonan, Angela Lobo, Mary Marson, Rose Fernandes, Nanthi Rasanyagam, Stan Harvey, Berja Dussaussois, Elena Tresvalles, Martin Macadangdang, Coletta-Mary Cadette, Christopher Browne, and all at home or in hospital, and all who care for our sick.

**St ANTONY'S CHURCH FOREST GATE***Fourth Sunday of Advent B - 24th December 2017**St Anthony's Parish.*

**On behalf of the Brothers of St John and all here at St Antony's wishing you all a Holy and Peaceful Christmas**

**Family Christmas Blessings*****Blessing of the Crib – the Christmas Manger***

*+ God of every nation and people, from the beginning of creation, you have shown us your love. When our need for a Saviour was great, you sent your Son Jesus to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives He brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love. Lord, bless all who look on this Manger: may it remind us of the Humble Birth of Jesus our Saviour and raise our thoughts and prayers to Him who is God-with-us and reigns for ever and ever. Amen*

***Blessing for the Christmas Table***

- God our Father, bless our Christmas table and all those who are gathered here as your family. We pray this Christmas time for the love and peace of your Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We pray specially for a share in Your love, peace and unity for each person here and for all those who are unable to be present and those who have passed on. Renew the bonds once again that unite us together in You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen*

***Christmas Candle Blessing***

- Let it remind us of Christ, the Light of the World. As it shines in our homes, let us remember the poor and homeless and let our hearts open to all in need. Bless all who are in trouble and let them know your care through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Joseph. Amen*

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION 17th December 2017:** Gift Aid £990.80: Loose £1725.88

Total £2716.68. Thank you.

**Christmas Offerings** are your personal gift to the priests of the parish, there are envelopes available at the back of the church. Thank you.

**Building Fund collection** weekend of 6th/7th January.

**Crib donations** are for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.

**The next Baptismal Preparation Course will be on Saturday 27th January 2018** which begins at **12.30pm promptly**. Parents who wish to have their children Baptised must attend the Baptismal Preparation course. Please bring a copy of your and the Godparents Baptismal Certificate with you, which should include details of Confirmation. PLEASE NOTE YOU MUST ARRIVE ON TIME, IF YOU ARRIVE LATE YOU WILL ASKED TO ATTEND ANOTHER PREPARATION DAY BEFORE A BAPTISM CAN BE ARRANGED. THANK YOU.

**Helping the Homeless** Thank you to all those who approached me asking to help out with the welcoming the homeless this winter. We will begin mid-January (20<sup>th</sup>). For 10 nights, once a week, until the end of March, we will welcome 17-20 homeless people for a meal and to sleep over night. We will have a meeting **January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** for those who are interested in helping out. Fr John

**Statue of Our Lady - 24th December Ajoyemi Family:** If anyone would like to pray with the statue of Our Lady (in their home) list is available in the Holy Shop/Repository. The statue is collected after the 12 Noon mass and taken home with you and then returned the following weekend. Further information then please contact the parish office, 020 8472 0433.

**"Chosen" is a four day retreat for young people and young adults (16-35)** run by Youth 2000 at St Bonaventure's school, Forest Gate. This takes place over the New Year bank holiday weekend - 29th Dec to 1st Jan. Dynamic talks, creative workshops, friendship, adoration and worship, reconciliation and healing. Visit: [www.youth2000.org](http://www.youth2000.org)

**Mass for Travellers on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February at Westminster Cathedral** - At 2.30pm **on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018** there will be a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan at Westminster Cathedral for members of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities. For more information please contact Fr Dan Mason, the National Catholic Chaplain for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers on 01277 624891.

**A Mass for those enquiring or discerning a vocation to the priesthood** will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Leigh on Sea 12:00pm on the feast of St. Thomas Becket, the 29th December 2017. All are welcome to come and pray for vocations and to meet our seminarians.

**"As we pray together for vocations please visit**

<http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/vocation-voices/> Listen to the inspirational stories of our priests and seminarians and share them with your friends."

**There are prayer cards available at the back of the church for use at Morning and Evening prayers please do take one home with you, to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**24th - 31st December 2017**

Vigil	6.30pm	Norbert Nicholas
<b>Sunday 24th December</b>	8.30am	Iasha Agyemang RIP
<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b>	10.00am	Monica Chikezie/Nwosu & Family Intentions
<b>B (Expectant Mothers)</b>	10.30am (Durning Hall)	People of the Parish
	12 Noon	Anne Akotibe Thanksgiving
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
<b>Nativity of the Lord</b>		
<b>Children's Christmas Mass</b>	6.30pm	People of the Parish
	<b>9.30pm to 11.15pm</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
	11.30pm	Carol Singing
	Midnight Mass	Regina & Derek Hunter RIP
<b>Monday 25th</b>	8.30am	Robert Sobola RIP
<b>Christmas Day</b>	10.00am	Michael & Matilda Harrick RIP, Leslie Dench RIP
<b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>	10.30am (Durning Hall)	Vocations
	12 Noon	John & Patricia Nwajiaku & Family
<b>Tuesday 26th Feria</b>	10.30am	Josie Bloomfield Thanksgiving
<b>Feast of St Stephen</b>	8.00pm	<b>St Antony's Novena</b>
<b>Wednesday 27th</b>	11.30am	Carmela Giordmaina RIP
<b>Feast of St John, Ap</b>	<b>12.45pm</b>	<b>After Mass talk on St John and a shared meal</b>
	<b>6-7pm</b>	<b>Adoration</b>
<b>Thursday 28th</b>	10.30am	Dennis Castellias & Lily Macfarlaine RIP and Doreen & Leonard Joseph RIP
<b>Feast of Holy Innocents</b>	<b>7.00pm-9.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Hour</b>
<b>Friday 29th</b>	10.30am	Requiem Alice Daniel
<b>St Thomas of Canterbury</b>	<b>6-7pm</b>	<b>Adoration</b>
<b>Saturday 30th</b>	10.30am	Dulcie Castellias & Charmine Hewins RIP
<b>6th Day within the Octave of Christmas</b>	<b>5.30-6.15pm</b>	<b>Adoration</b>
Vigil	6.30pm	Joseph Laurence Alavedo RIP
<b>Sunday 31st December</b>	8.30am	John Talty RIP
<b>Feast Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b>	10.00am	Gerry Booth RIP
	10.30am (Durning Hall)	People of the Parish
	12 Noon	Shane Brewer & Douglas Brewer RIP
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	<b>Midnight Mass</b>	<b>Tamil Mass</b>

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