

CONFESSIONS Saturday after morning mass until 11:15am and
before the vigil mass from 5:30-6:15pm

MASS INTENTIONS 18th–26th March 2023

Sat 18th March 2023	6.30pm	(Vigil) People of the Parish
Sunday 19th March 2023 Fourth Sunday of Lent A (Laetare Sunday)	8.30am	Julieta Belsonda RIP
	10.00am	David Christmas RIP
	12 Noon	Anne Akotibe & Family Thanksgiving
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass
Monday 20th St Joseph	7.45am	Owen Christopher Maughan Intentions
	10.00am	Joe De Souza RIP Sola Amole Ints & Moshe Keturah Ints
	12 Noon	Requiem: John Bosco Anthony Figurado
	7.30pm	Mass—Solemnity of St Joseph
Tuesday 21st Feria	7.45am	Miles LueQuee Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Herman Freeman & George Wills RIP
	8.00pm	St Antony's Novena
Wednesday 22nd Feria	7.45am	Anthony Meyn Patrick Galvin RIP
	10.00am	Requiem: Victor Emmanuel Assif- Eshun
Thursday 23rd Feria	7.45am	John Joyce RIP
	10.00am	Dee Hussain
Friday 24th Feria	7.45am	Rachel Lang RIP
	10.00am	Roland Gaudoin & Philip Rozario RIP Brian & Jean Briggs
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 25th Annunciation of the Lord	10.00am	Anne-Marie Roberts RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 26th March 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent A	8.30am	Evans Family RIP
	10.00am	Monica Chizekie/Nwosu & Family Intentions
	12 Noon	Bill, Joan, Mark Bennett RIP
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	4.30pm	Tamil Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass

ST ANTONY'S CHURCH FOREST GATE

Fourth Sunday of Lent A - 19th March 2023

Laetare Sunday

Our First Reading this Sunday is from 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a; Samuel is sent to anoint David as king. Our Responsorial Psalm is Psalm 23: The Lord is our shepherd. The Second Reading is taken from Ephesians 5:8-14: The Ephesians are told to live as children of light. Our Gospel Reading this Sunday is John 9:1-41; Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

Solemnity of St Joseph

Tomorrow Monday 20th is the Solemnity of St Joseph. As well as the usual morning masses at 7:45am and 10am we will also have a 7:30pm mass. In an Apostolic Letter two years ago marking the Year of St Joseph, entitled *Patris Corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. We ask St Joseph to watch over all our families with his paternal care and protection.

Prayer to Saint Joseph (Pope Leo XIII)

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

Happy Mothers Day

On this Mother's Day, we pray for all mothers, especially our own, that they would be powerful guardians, advocates, and carers of their children and receive from them love, respect, and gratitude they deserve. May our Blessed Mother and St Joseph pour upon them the Blessings of the Holy Family to give them the strength, compassion and grace they need.

Please pray for: The Ursuline Sisters ask your prayers for the repose of the souls of their Sisters Emmanuel Bali and Mary Carmel Pearce who have very recently died. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

WORLD YOUTH DAY WITH THE COMMUNITY OF ST JOHN

When: 29th July—8th August 2023

Who: Catholics aged 18-35

Where: Lisbon, Portugal

Price: £750* (including train and coach travel from the UK) / £450 without travel

Aim: To be refreshed & renewed in our faith through meeting other young Catholics for prayer and friendship:

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***Travel price may rise after 9th April**

"**Caritas Social Action Network**, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, is matching Ukrainian people displaced by war with people in the Catholic community, willing to host them in their homes for six months. **If you have room in your home and heart to consider welcoming a stranger, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.**"

The next Baptismal Preparation Course will be on Saturday 1st April 2023 which begins at 12.00 Noon promptly in St Francis Hall. Parents who wish to have their children Baptised must attend the Baptismal Preparation course. You will be asked to provide a copy of your Baptismal certificate and also your Godparents Baptismal Certificate which must include details of Confirmation.

Mass for Migrants on Monday, 1st May 2023

The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster invite you to a celebration of the annual Mass for Migrants on Monday, 1st May 2023, at 12pm. .

The Mass will be hosted by the Diocese of Brentwood at St Antony of Padua Church, Forest Gate E7 9QB. The celebrant is Bishop Alan Williams, sm.

You are kindly invited to attend in person to celebrate the significant contribution made by migrants to the life of our Dioceses.

We pray for the SICK of our Parish, Families & Friends— and all at home or in hospital, and all who care for our sick.

GIFT AID BOXES—Year 2023-24 available for collection

Gift Aid Boxes for year 2023-24 (commencing 7th April 2023) are now available at the back of the church for collection

If you are a member of the Parish Gift Aid Scheme please collect your new box as soon as possible, and start using from 7th April 2023. **THANK YOU**

Please advise the parish office (forestgate@dioceseofbrentwood.org) of the following:

- **If you are no longer a UK tax payer, please contact the parish office, you must be a UK tax payer to be in the Parish Gift Aid Scheme.**
- If any of your contact details have changed, ie name, address, telephone number, and you have not informed the parish office please let us know.
- **PLEASE contact the parish office of any changes as soon as possible it is very important that the information we hold is correct and up to date.**

Parish Gift Aid Scheme-A great way to support the parish at no extra cost

⇒ Are you a UK tax payer?

⇒ Why not join the Parish Gift Aid Scheme?

⇒ It is a great way to support the parish at no extra cost to yourself.

⇒ If you are a UK tax payer and you would like to join the Parish gift aid scheme

⇒ Forms available at the back of the church

⇒ Or contact the parish office: forestgate@dioceseofbrentwood.org

For every £1 donated we can claim an extra 25p, at no extra cost to you:

- if you give £5 the parish can get £1.25 back with gift aid so your donation of £5 would become £6.25.
- if you give £10 the parish can get £2.50 back with Gift Aid, so your donation of £10 would become £12.50, and so on.....

Thank you for your continued support

- **online donations link:** <https://stream.seccomgroup.com/donations/saop>
- **Donations can be made parish web-site www.stantonysforestgate.com**
- Payment direct into the parish bank account using online banking
- **Catholic Church Forest Gate St Antonys: Acc No: 11390953 /Sort Code: 40-13-22**
- **QR Codes available around the church**

Victor Emmanuel Assif- Eshun RIP — Please pray for the repose of the soul of Victor Assif-Eshun. Requiem Mass will be held in St Antony's Church on Wednesday 22nd March 10.00am Please remember his family and friends in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace. Amen.

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