

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

*MASS INTENTIONS 4th–12th March 2023*

<b>Saturday 4th March 2023</b>	6.30pm	(Vigil) People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 5th March 2023 Second Sunday of Lent A</b>	8.30am	Jeanette Boyce RIP
	10.00am	Jacob Healy
	12 Noon	Winborne Charles
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass
<b>Monday 6th Feria</b>	7.45am	Stephen Cunningham RIP
	10.00am	James Daly RIP Vera Mackin RIP
<b>Tuesday 7th Feria</b>	7.45am	Teresa Leelavathy RIP
	10.00am	Duckett Family RIP Martin Henry RIP
	8.00pm	St Antony's Novena
<b>Wednesday 8th Feria</b>	7.45am	Fr Charles Dilke RIP
	10.00am	Romualdo Caliao RIP Jerry Bliss
<b>Thursday 9th Feria</b>	7.45am	Owen Christopher Maughan Ints
	10.00am	Rubin D'Souza Seamus & Mary Ints
<b>Friday 10th Feria</b>	7.45am	John Maughan RIP
	10.00am	Ercolastica Caliao Thanksgiving Aron & Amanda Intentions
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Saturday 11th Feria</b>	10.00am	Leslie & Vera Henderson RIP Carrie Roberts RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 12th March 2023 Third Sunday of Lent A</b>	8.30am	Caroline Francis RIP
	10.00am	Sesamma Fernando
	12 Noon	Antony Mendis & Family Thanksgiving
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass

***ST ANTONY'S CHURCH FOREST GATE***

**Second Sunday of Lent A - 5th March 2023**

**Our First Reading this week is taken from *Genesis 12:1-4a*:** God promises Abram a great blessing.

The **Responsorial Psalm** is from *Psalms 33*: God's mercy is upon those who trust in God. Our

**Second Reading** is 2 *Timothy 1:8b-10*: Through God's grace we are called to holiness.

**Our Gospel Reading this Sunday is from *Matthew 17:1-9*:** Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

For the Second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

**St Patrick's Day—Friday 17th March**

St Patrick's Day celebration at the Red House, (St Antony's Catholic Club)

Upton Ave, E7 9PN

**Drinks and food after 10am Mass and music from midday**

**Open all Day**

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### Formed.Org and Lenten Programs

Did you know that we have an amazing source of catholic Formation available in our parish, for free?

Two years ago we launched in our Parish an exciting new online data base called **FORMED that** we would like to make available to all our parishioners. This is basically a “*Catholic Netflix*” that will provide Bible and faith formation of all kinds. Children’s programs, films, documentaries, lives of the saints.... A wealth of information and formation for the development of you and your family’s faith. It’s not for free we are counting on the financial support of all those who will be using this incredible tool to deepen their faith with a wealth of information and knowledge this programme gives. Pulling together the best in Catholic movies, Bible studies, documentaries, children’s programs, cartoons on the lives of the saints, audio books and much more. All based on themes to help us grow in our love and knowledge of God. **FORMED** provides a trusted and engaging entertainment alternative in support of a Catholic lifestyle. Encountering and sharing our content has never been easier. Share the platform with your fellow parishioners, send a subscription to a friend and help them engage via their mobile, tablet, or connected TV device.

Here are just some of the fascinating Lenten programs on Formed for Lent;

- **RETURN: Lent with Father John Burns (for men)**
- **RESTORE: Lent with Sister Miriam James (for women)**
- **FEARLESS: 5 Ways to Manage Fear with Chris Stefanick**
- **Lent with Brother Francis (for children)**

#### How do I sign up?

Parishioners simply need to go to [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and where you see “**Find your Parish or Organisation**” type in *St Antony’s* ... and the address of our parish should appear. Click on that and it will then ask you for your name and email and you are in to browse the hundreds of programs on offer.

**‘The Priests’ Charity Concert:** Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society are delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio ‘**The Priests**’ have agreed to hold a second charity concert for us on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite and are £30 per person plus booking fee: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567> We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment. Full details are available on our website: [www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/](http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/)

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

Have you ever considered becoming a Foundation Governor?

### **VACANCY: St Antony’s Catholic Primary School Foundation Governor**

Foundation Governors are appointed by the Bishop of Brentwood Diocese to serve as his representatives on the governing body of Catholic schools. This is to ensure that the Church’s Vision and Mission are upheld. Foundation Governors must be practicing Catholics.

Governors have strategic oversight of the appointment of staff, the school’s provision and curriculum offer and are accountable for the effective operation and performance of the school. They have a strategic role to play as well as acting as a critical friend to the headteacher.

St Antony’s Catholic Primary School’s Governing body is looking for people with a mixture of skills, expertise and experience drawn from a wide range of professions and backgrounds such as Education, Finance, Legal, HR, Community and Youth Organising and Communications. Training will be provided to those appointed to support all governors with effectively fulfilling this very important role.

If you would like to know more and for a Governor’s Interest Form contact: [toyin.gbomede@st-antony-s-jun.newham.sch.uk](mailto:toyin.gbomede@st-antony-s-jun.newham.sch.uk)

**“Caritas Diocese of Brentwood** is inviting people from the night of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 (9pm) to the morning of April 1<sup>st</sup> (8:30am), to join this year’s Sponsored Sleepout in one of our four locations; Lexden, Forest Gate, Hornchurch, and Southend. The sleepout will assist in raising awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All information can be found at [www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout) and to register please email [sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org)”

### **CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal**

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD’s Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope (available at the back of the Church) or at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CAFOD’s development and emergency response work all over the world. **There will be a second collection after all Masses this weekend 4th/5th March. Thank you.**

### **Thank you for your continued support**

- **online donations link:** <https://stream.seccomgroup.com/donations/saop>
- **Donations can be made parish web-site** [www.stantonyforestgate.com](http://www.stantonyforestgate.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**
- **Contactless using QR Codes located around the Church**