

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

MASS INTENTIONS 15th–23rd April 2023

Saturday 15th	6.30pm	(vigil) Umbelina Andrade RIP
Sunday 16th April 2023 2nd Sunday of Easter A Divine Mercy Sunday (Octave of Easter)	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Sebastian Antony
	12 Noon	Chinemerem Akotibe Thanksgiving
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass
Monday 17th Feria	7.45am	Seenaa Suresh Intentions
	10.00am	Paddy & Bridie Tolan RIP
Tuesday 18th Feria	7.45am	Davidson Family RIP
	10.00am	Requiem Paul Durand
	8.00pm	St Antony's Novena
Wednesday 19th Feria	7.45am	Maria Henezes & Family Thanksgiving Thomas Healy Intentions
	10.00am	Requiem Cyril La Ronde
Thursday 20th Feria	7.45am	Bridie McDonough RIP
	10.00am	Lucy's Intentions Joe De Souza RIP
	12.15pm	Requiem Margaret Edwards
Friday 21st Feria	7.45am	Yalini Intentions
	10.00am	Stelvin Marques & Lenisha Fernandes Intentions
Saturday 22nd Feria	10.00am	Kimi LueQuee Thanksgiving Annette & John Baxter Intentions
	6.30pm	(vigil) Martin Hehir RIP
Sunday 23rd April 2023 3rd Sunday of Easter A	8.30am	Elsie & Christine Henderson RIP
	10.00am	People of the Parish
	12 Noon	Densil Joseph RIP
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	4.30pm	Tamil Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass

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



**ST ANTONY'S CHURCH
FOREST GATE**

**Second Sunday of Easter A –16th April 2023
Divine Mercy Sunday**

Our First Reading today is from the Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47: The first community of Christians grows as its members meet to pray and break bread.

Our **Responsorial Psalm** is from Psalm 118: God's love is everlasting.

The **Second Reading** is *1 Peter 1:3-9*: We have new hope because of Jesus' Resurrection.

This Sunday's **Gospel Reading** is *John 20:19-31*: Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

From today's Gospel, we see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

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Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible – Overview of the Bible in 8 Weekly Sessions

Introduction to the Bible 8 Week Online Course – Newham Deanery

Starting on Sunday April 23 at 2pm, we will be leading an 8-week online Bible Study Course. If you have a desire to read the Bible but just don't know where to start, this course is for you. Many Catholics want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but they give up because it seems so complicated. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* helps you get the "big picture" by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. **For more information see flyer at the back of the church.**

Deanery Formation Days 2023

Dear friends, once again this year there will be a formation day for both the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers of the Deanery this coming June.

⇒ **The Readers will have their formation day on Saturday June 17th at St Anne's in Custom House from 10am to 4pm.**

⇒ **The Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday June 25th at St Francis parish in Stratford from 10am to 4pm.**

If you are a Reader or an Eucharistic Minister, please put these dates in your diary. We hope there can be a strong delegation from St Antony's. These are very rich and insightful days of formation, prayer and renewal in our respective ministries. I will be posting more details shortly.

Healing Service with Fr. Michael, CFR on Saturday 22nd April 1pm at Our Lady of Compassion Church, 555 Green Street, Upton Park. Are you feeling under the weather, depressed, or poorly in anyway? Whether your illness is major (terminal) or minor, come as we pray for the Lord's blessing and healing for you. Fr. Michael has an international healing ministry and has seen the Lord perform mighty miracles: the blind seeing, the deaf hearing, tumours disappearing. Please tell your friends!

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. Banner bearers are invited to gather at St Bonaventure's Secondary School at 11:15am for refreshments and preparations ready for the banner procession 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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Paul Durand RIP — requiem mass will be on **Tuesday 18th April at 10am**, St Antony's Church.

Cyril La Ronde RIP — requiem mass will be on **Wednesday 19th April at 10am** St Antony's Church.

Margaret Edwards RIP—requiem mass will be on **Thursday 20th April at 12.15pm** St Antony's Church.

Please remember their family and friends in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

The next Baptismal Preparation Course

Will be on **Saturday 29th 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.

'The Priests' Charity Concert: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio **'The Priests'** will be performing a second charity concert on Friday 30th 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> . Full details are available on website: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is inviting parishioners across the Diocese to join in with their annual 'Relay 100' community event this May and June. We are looking for 100 individuals or groups to complete a 'leg' of our relay around the diocese; we have routes of varying distances so there is something to suit all abilities. Can you help us? To find out more, please contact Damian Dillon: ddillon@bccs.org.uk or visit <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/> and click on 'Relay 100 Sponsored Walks' to read more about this event.

Easter Offerings—Thank you for your generous Easter Offerings

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**