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

MASS INTENTIONS 22nd-30thApril 2023		
Saturday 22nd	6.30pm	(vigil) Martin Hehir RIP
Sunday 23rd April 2023 3rd Sunday of Easter A	8.30am 10.00am 12 Noon 3.00pm 4.30pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Elsie & Catherine Henderson RIP People of the Parish Densil Joseph RIP Spanish Mass Tamil Mass Solemn Holy Hour Mass
Monday 24th St George	7.45am	Brian & Jean Briggs
	10.00am	Cordelia Pratt RIP
Tuesday 25th St Mark	7.45am	Elna Intentions
	10.00am	Elijah Boswell & Zarayah Keturah Intentions
	8.00pm	St Antony's Novena
Wednesday 26th Feria	7.45am	Monica Chikezie/Nwosu & Family Intentions
	10.00am	Requiem Albert Monelle
Thursday 27th Feria	7.45am	Christina Tresoalles
	10.00am	Claire Talty
Friday 28th Feria	7.45am	Dennis Castellas & Lily MacFarlaine
	10.00am	Mary Ann Whelan RIP
Saturday 29th St Catherine of Siena	10.00am	Dulcie Castellas Robert Baxter Intentions
	6.30pm	(vigil) People of the Parish
Sunday 30th April 2023 4th Sunday of Easter A	8.30am 10.00am 12 Noon 3.00pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Augustus & Irene Francis RIP Leslie Smith RIP Evelyn & Bill Barry RIP Spanish Mass Solemn Holy Hour 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

Third Sunday of Easter A —23rd April 2023

Our First Reading this Sunday is taken from *Acts 2:14,22-33*: Peter and the apostles announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

The **Responsorial Psalm** is from **Psalm 16**: God will show us the path of life. Our **Second Reading** is 1 Peter 1:17-21: You were saved by Christ's sacrifice.

The week's **Gospel Reading** is *Luke 24:13-35*: Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them.

Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. We learn that the first community met and recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, just as we meet Jesus in the Eucharist. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others.

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<u>Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible – Overview of the Bible in 8 Weekly Sessions</u> <u>Introduction to the Bible 8 Week Online Course – Newham Deanery</u>

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.

The Wild Goose – Deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit New Symbolon Series – Starting Friday April 28th

The Wild Goose is a powerful series and is truly a work of the Holy Spirit. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. It is a 14 part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit

The Wild Goose series will help you experience a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit, and as you come to experience God's presence and power this very same Spirit will transform you and bring you freedom.

The Wild Goose Series is fourteen independent films dealing with different experiences of the Holy Spirit. Each film has a study guide that provides a very brief synopsis, key texts, discussion questions, and perhaps most importantly prayer and reflection. Join us on Zoom every Friday night at 7:30pm on this journey to discover the roots and power of our Catholic Faith.

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – **27th May 2023:** Join Bishop Alan and other parishes of the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come, please contact Valarie at 07590 979343 by phone or WhatsApp.

<u>Fr John Jesus' surgery</u>, Fr John Jesus will be available on Tuesday 25th April between 4pm-5pm, for anyone who would to meet with him.

Albert Monelle RIP — please prayer for the repose of the soul of Albert Monelle, whose requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 26th April 10am. 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.

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.

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.
- \Rightarrow The Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday June 24th 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 after Easter.

East London Santa Cruzan—Saturday 27th May 2023, Mass 13.00 followed by procession. For further details please see poster at the back of the church.

Thank you for your continued support

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