

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

MASS INTENTIONS 29th April – 7th May 2023

Saturday 29th	6.30pm	(vigil) People of the Parish
Sunday 30th April 2023 4th Sunday of Easter A World Day of Prayer For Vocations	8.30am	Augustus & Irene Francis RIP
	10.00am	Leslie Smith RIP
	12 Noon	Evelyn & Bill Barry RIP
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm 7.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour Mass
Monday 1st May Feria Day of Prayer for Human Work	7.45am	Teresa Killen RIP
	10.00am	Austin Family
	12 Noon	Migrants' Mass
Tuesday 2nd St Athanasius	7.45am	John, Helen, Dina Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Senan Garvey RIP
	8.00pm	St Antony's Novena
Wednesday 3rd Ss Philip & James	7.45am	Michael Joseph Cunningham Intentions
	10.00am	Talty Family
Thursday 4th The English Martyrs	7.45am	Justina & Jerome Anekwe & Family
	10.00am	Lorraine Kelly
First Friday 5th Feria	7.45am	Prudence Roderick RIP
	10.00am	Ross Family
	9.30pm	Sacred Heart Confraterinty
Saturday 6th St John Payne	10.00am	First Holy Communion Mass McGloin Family Intentions
	6.30pm	(vigil) People of the Parish
Sunday 7th May 2023 5th Sunday of Easter A	8.30am	Vida Wills Intentions
	10.00am	Celso De Castro RIP
	12 Noon	Chizaram Akotibe Thanksgiving
	3.00pm	Spanish 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**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter A – 30th April 2023
World Day of Pray for Vocations**

Our First Reading this Sunday is taken from the *Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41*: Peter and the other apostles baptize 3,000 people. The Responsorial Psalm is from *Psalm 23*: The Lord is my shepherd. Our Second Reading is *1 Peter 2:20b-25*: We have been healed by the wounds of Christ. This Sunday's Gospel Reading is *John 10:1-10*: Jesus is the gate for his sheep.

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow. The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

First Holy Communion

Our First Holy Communion children will be receiving communion for the first time
in the coming Saturdays 6th, 13th, 20th May at the 10am Mass.

Please keep them in your prayers.

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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.

Fr John Jesus' surgery, Fr John Jesus will be available on Tuesday 2nd May between 4pm-5pm, for anyone who would like to meet with him.

First Friday—First Friday Mass 9.30pm followed by All Night Adoration

Newham Catholic Deanery Annual Deanery Cup

The Newham Catholic Deanery Annual Deanery Cup will take place this year on **June 3rd at St Helen's School Canning Town from 10am to 4pm**. Under 12 Boys and Under 12 girls will compete.

Trials for this team will take place on May 13th from 11:30am-1:30pm, Capel Road, Forest Gate E70JP

The next Baptismal Preparation Course

Will be on **Saturday 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 THRESHOLDS OF HOPE EASTER TALKS will explore what it means to have an intimate friendship with Christ. They will take place on Wednesdays 10th, 17th and 24th of May at St Francis of Assisi, Stratford, E15 1NS from 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. The first talk, "*Calling on the name of Jesus*," will be given by Fr Martin Boland, the Dean of Brentwood Cathedral. All very welcome.

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.

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.

SION COMMUNITY CHARISMATIC TEACHING WEEKEND

From 6pm Friday 19th May to 2pm Sunday 21st May 2023. Theme: 'Living the Prophetic Lifestyle' (part of the 'Moving in the Anointing' series). This weekend is a great follow-up to 'Life in the Spirit' seminars and an opportunity to grow in the Gifts and Charisms of the Holy Spirit. Guest Speaker: Dominic McDermott. Cost: £120 residential, £80 non-residential. Book early as we have limited spaces. To book a place or for more info, visit <https://sioncommunity.churchsuite.com/events/f8v3emks>

Deanery Formation Days 2023

Readers will have their formation day on Saturday June 17th at St Anne's in Custom House from 10am to 4pm—poster at back of church more details.

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday June 24th at St Francis parish in Stratford from 10am to 4pm—poster at back of church more details.

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, or the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood for our diocese and for those currently training for the priesthood. There will be a second collection after all Masses that supports the education and formation of our seminarians.

I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. Jeremiah 3:15

Thank you for your continued support

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