

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

*MASS INTENTIONS 13th - 21st May 2023*

<b>Saturday 13th</b>	6.30pm	(vigil) People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 14th May 2023 6th Sunday of Easter A</b>	8.30am 10.00am 12 Noon 3.00pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Harold Collins-Nuttall RIP Pauline Reay RIP Bill, Joan & Mark Bennett RIP Spanish Mass Solemn Holy Hour Mass
<b>Monday 15th Feria</b>	7.45am	Aron & Amanda Intentions
	10.00am	Juana V De Castro RIP Rita Williams Intentions
<b>Tuesday 16th Feria</b>	7.45am	Richard Vanderputt RIP
	10.00am	Elena Margaret Healy
	8.00pm	St Antony's Novena
<b>Wednesday 17th Feria</b>	7.45am	Alfred Stafford Ross RIP
	10.00am	Troneo Bumanglag RIP
<b>Thursday 18th The Ascension of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation</b>	7.45am	Doris Gyamfi RIP
	10.00am	Margaret Costello RIP
	7.30pm	Ted Bachell RIP
<b>Friday 19th Feria</b>	7.45am	Philomina K Kinjan RIP
	10.00am	Margaret Costello RIP
	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Ven. Agnelo Novena Mass—All Welcome</b>
<b>Saturday 20th Feria</b>	10.00am	Frances & Jerry Ints—(First Holy Communion Mass)
	6.30pm	(vigil) People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 21st May 2023 7th Sunday of Easter A</b>	8.30am 10.00am 12 Noon 3.00pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Gladys & Archie Swaries RIP Monica Chikezie/Nwosu & Family Intentions Pat & Bernie McNally RIP Spanish Mass Solemn Holy Hour Mass
<b>World Communications Day</b>		

**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**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter A —14th May 2023**

**Our First Reading** this week is from the *Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17*: The people of Samaria accept the Gospel of Jesus proclaimed to them by Philip. The **Responsorial Psalm** is from *Psalm 66*: Sing praise to God, all the earth. Today's **Second Reading** is *1 Peter 3:15-18*: Be ready to give explanation for your hope in Christ. The **Gospel Reading** this Sunday is *John 14:15-21*: Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth. Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus. Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defence for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

**Saturday Senior Citizens Club**

Dear friends, for many years, every first Saturday of the month, the senior citizens of our parish gathered in Saint Francis Hall to catch up, have a cup of tea and a sandwich, play a little bingo and enjoy a social time together. These Saturdays are a very important part of the parish's fabric and of people's lives .... and a wonderful way of connecting people in a world that is increasingly disconnected.

Unfortunately, due to Covid, this monthly rhythm was shattered, and now we are left to pick up the pieces and rebuild again and rekindle this rich tradition.

From the **first Saturday of October (Oct 7<sup>th</sup>) 2023**, we will once again begin our Saturday club. If you would like to volunteer in any way, it would be greatly appreciated ... anything from setting up tables and chairs, making sandwiches, spending time with our senior citizens, organising raffles and fundraisers etc. It is a wonderful way of serving and reaching out to the most vulnerable in our society.

Please let Father John know if you're interested in helping in anyway.

**St Antony's Family BBQ July 1st**

There will be a Family BBQ for all the Parish on **Saturday July 1st** on the Friary Lawn, from 12 noon. Please bring food to share, especially any meats to cook. (If bringing meats please bring them as early as possible as grilling begins at about 11am). The BBQ will take place on the Friary Lawn and will be followed by a family Rosary to end the day at about 3:30pm. All are welcome.

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**St Antony's School: -T.020 8552 3670**

**Gift Aid Box of Envelopes Number 128**—if you are using Gift Aid envelopes number 128 can you please contact the parish office email: forestgate@brcdt.org telephone 020 8472 0433. Thank you.

**Attention Goan Community**

Ven. Agnelo Novena Mass will be held on **Friday 19th May 2023** at 4 pm in St. Antony's Church, Forest Gate, E7, followed by fellowship. All are cordially invited. Look forward to your presence. God bless and thank you.

**The next Baptismal Preparation Course**

Will be on **Saturday 20th May 2023** and 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.

**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.**

**40 Hour Adoration – Corpus Christi WE**

Dear friends, this year for the WE of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi we will be having a 40-hour adoration to honour and worship the Eucharistic presence of Our Lord. I invite you and encourage you all to do an hour (or more!) with the Lord (**Matthew 26:40**) in the build-up to the celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ on Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>.

The 40-hour adoration will begin on Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30pm mass. We will need volunteers to come and spend time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament especially on the Friday and Saturday nights.

**All night Adoration in June (change of date)**

In June, the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE EASTER TALKS** explore what it means to have an intimate friendship with Jesus Christ. The next talk, "A Third Spring," will be given by Mgr John Armitage on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May** St Francis of Assisi, Stratford, E15 1NS from 7.30 - 9.00 p.m.. All very welcome.

**PLEASE NOTE—change of parish email address:**  
**forestgate@brcdt.org**

**The Ascension of the Lord—Thursday 18th May 2023**

Masses: 7.45am 10.00am 7.30pm

Holy Day of Obligation

**NINE DAY NOVENA TO ST ANTONY 2023**

**Day 1: Sunday June 4th**  
**St Anthony - Liberator of Prisoners**  
7pm – Blessing of the St Antony  
Flag and Statue  
7:30pm Novena  
(just before evening mass)

**Day 1: Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**St Anthony - Friend of the Poor**  
8pm - Novena

**Day 3: Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**St Anthony - Hope for those who are ill**  
8pm – Usual Tuesday novena to St Anthony, with healing service for the sick)

**Day 4: Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**St Anthony - Preacher of the word**  
8pm - Novena

**Day 5: Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**St Anthony - Saint of Miracles**  
8pm - Novena



**Day 6: Friday June 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**St Anthony – Peacemaker**  
8pm Novena  
9:30pm Mass followed by Adoration until Sunday morning

**Day 7: Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**St Anthony - Apostle of forgiveness**  
8pm – Novena (after 6:30pm mass)  
Followed by Adoration until Sunday morning

**Day 8: Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**St Anthony - Defender of the persecuted**  
7:30pm Novena (just before evening mass)

**Day 9: Monday June 12th**  
**St Anthony - Intercessor before God**  
8pm Novena

**Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> - St Antony's Day**  
**10am** St Antony's School  
**Mass**  
**7pm Procession and 7:30pm Solemn Mass**

**There will be a second collection next weekend (20th/21st May) for World Communications Day**

**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](http://www.stantonysforestgate.com)
- Payment direct into the parish bank account using online banking
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