

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

MASS INTENTIONS 1st–9th July 2023

Saturday 1st July	6.30pm	(vigil) Ewart Jeremiah Rodney
Sunday 2nd July 2023 13th Sunday of the Year (A)	8.30am	Les & Max Francis RIP
	10.00am	People of the Parish
	12 Noon	Philomena Costa Intentions
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass
Monday 3rd St Thomas	7.45am	Juan Perez RIP
	10.00am	Philippe Hubert Henry Intentions Joice Petchimuthu Intentions
Tuesday 4th Feria	7.45am	Evangelina E Maristela RIP
	10.00am	Mryna Cunningham Thanksgiving
	8.00pm	St Anthony's Novena
Wednesday 5th Feria	7.45am	Dexter Stafford Ross RIP
	10.00am	Jerry Bliss RIP
Thursday 6th Feria	7.45am	Jose Caetano Dias
	10.00am	Brandon Olufowobi Thanksgiving
First Friday 7th Feria	7.45am	Prudence Roderick RIP
	10.00am	Ray Osagie Thanksgiving
	9.30pm	Sacred Heart Confraternity— followed by All Night Adoration
Saturday Feria	10.00am	Florence Darroux RIP
	6.30pm	(vigil) Esther Thanksgiving
Sunday 9th July 2023 14th Sunday of the Year (A) Sea Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Anne-Marie Moise RIP
	12 Noon	Luis Arcio De Mello RIP
	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

2nd July 2023

Thirteenth Sunday of the Year A

The **First Reading** this week is *2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16*: Hospitality extended to Elisha will be rewarded.

Our **Responsorial Psalm** is from *Psalm 89*: Sing God's praises forever.

This week's **Second Reading** *Romans 6:3-4,8-11*: Through Christ we are dead to sin but alive in God.

Today's **Gospel Reading** is from *Matthew 10:37-42*: Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship. Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family. Matthew also outlines the reward of hospitality offered to Jesus' followers. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the difficulties of discipleship, yet reveals that those who welcome the disciples have also welcomed him.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 'On **Sunday 9th of July** after all masses We will be having a bake sale to fundraiser for upcoming trip to world youth day !
Please come along with spare change and support. '

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Franciscans in Stratford: celebrated 150 years of service at St Francis Parish in Stratford last Wednesday, 21st June. It was wonderful to see a number of Priests who served in the Parish over the years and we do say a big thank you to them all for all the care and service they gave to St. Francis Church and its people. We hope and pray that they will be with us for many, years and continue not only serving in Stratford but also for the help they always give to the wider deanery and diocese.

Recent Formation Days of Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers

I would like to thank the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors of the parish for their attendance and support at the annual deanery formation days these last few weekends. We were proud to see St Antony's was so well represented each time. We thank them for their service and pray they can continue to learn and grow in their knowledge and love of God's Word, the Eucharist and of their respective services at the heart of our parish. We pray also for the Lord to call forth others to serve at his altar and to proclaim his Word in the assembly.

Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life, to Walsingham

**Saturday 5th August, led by
Archbishop Kevin McDonald.**

For details see the poster on the noticeboard, or go to www.prolifepilgrimage.org
Please join in the 'great prayer for life' asked for by Pope Saint John Paul II.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) is looking for a part time Finance Assistant to join the team working from their head office in Billericay High Street. Initially the role is for 10 hours per week, with potential to increase hours as training continues. A job specification and application form are available on their website at <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/>. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Fiona Reading freading@bccs.org.uk

The next Baptismal Preparation Course—Will be on Saturday 14th August 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.

St Francis Exhibition National Gallery

DON'T MISS. The National Gallery (Trafalgar Square) is currently showing an exhibition about St Francis of Assisi. It shows many beautiful depictions of this great Saint through the ages. Free entry. Showing until the 30th of July. It is a highly recommended visit, from all those who have been to see it.

Fr John Jesus' Surgery—Fr John's next surgery, where he will be available to meet with people will be on **Tuesday 4th July, between 4pm-5pm.**

Release of the report "To Understand and To Heal"

Sadly, there has been a history of abuse in the Community of the Brothers of St John. The Community decided to do an inquiry into this abuse out of a desire for truth and for prevention moving forward. The report was published this week. Along with shedding light on what took place, it also expresses our heartfelt dismay at the terrible impact on the lives of those who suffered from this abuse. The report is the fruition of a 10-year effort of transparency and reform. Please pray for us as we engage in this process of purification. And above all, let us pray for all victims of abuse in the Church and for an end to this scourge.

For more information: brothers-saint-john.org/news/

First Friday

First Friday Mass 9.30pm followed
by All Night Adoration

Padre Pio Prayer Group—Padre Pio

Prayer Group will meet the second
Saturday of every month 9am
(8th July 2023) in the Church

Holy Land Pilgrimages 2024 - Dear Friends, a pilgrimage to the Holy Land powerfully brings the Bible to life. In 2024 there will be 2 pilgrimages from St Antony's led by Fr. John in the footsteps of Christ.

- ⇒ There will be a Young Adult (age 18-40) one (February 21-28) and a pilgrimage open to all in May (May 14-21). This pilgrimage in May, will be a joint pilgrimage between St. Antony's and St. Margaret's in Canning Town led by me, Fr John Jesus and Fr. Tony Grant.
 - ⇒ The Young Adult pilgrimage in February will entail a lot of walking, hiking on very difficult terrain, and that is why it is only open to younger people.
- There are flyers at the back of the Church and All Saints Travel website - www.allsaintstravel.co.uk - for more information.**

I hope you can join us. It will be the best decision of your life!

Peter's Pence

There will be a second collection for
Peter's Pence this weekend,
1st/2nd July 2023.

Apostleship of the Sea

There will be a second collection for
Apostleship of the Sea next weekend
8th/9th July 2023.

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**
- Payment direct into the parish bank account using online banking
- **Catholic Church Forest Gate St Antony's: Acc No: 11390953 /Sort Code: 40-13-22**
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