

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

MASS INTENTIONS 15th–23rd July 2023

Saturday 15th July	6.30pm	(vigil) People of the Parish
Sunday 16th July 2023 15th Sunday of the Year (A)	8.30am 10.00am 12 Noon 3.00pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Rinaldo & Family Patricia Ogbuwelu & Family Thanksgiving Evarist E Onyeakazi RIP Spanish Mass Solemn Holy Hour Mass
Monday 17th Feria	7.45am	Santana D'Silva RIP
	10.00am	Madeline Tan RIP P P Devassy RIP
Tuesday 18th Feria	7.45am	Michael D'Cruz RIP Vivencio Arenta Jnr Ints
	10.00am	De Martin Family Intentions
	8.00pm	St Anthony's Novena
Wednesday 19th Feria	7.45am	Deceased Franciscans RIP
	10.00am	John Tan RIP
Thursday 20th Feria	7.45am	Deceased Ursuline Sisters RIP
	10.00am	Myrna Cunningham Thanksgiving Marcus Odunlami
Friday 21st Feria	7.45am	Baby LueQuee
	10.00am	The Garvey Family Mary Winifred Dissanayake RIP
Saturday 22nd St Mary Magdalene	10.00am	Christiose Intentions The Gately Family
	6.30pm	(vigil) People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd July 2023 16th Sunday of the Year (A)	8.30am 10.00am 12 Noon 3.00pm 4.30pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Janet & Marie Francis RIP Monica Chikezie/Nwosu & Family Intentions Marie Roderick RIP Spanish Mass Tamil 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
16th July 2023—Fifteenth Sunday of the Year A

Our First Reading this week is taken from *Zechariah 9:9-10*: The Lord shall come to reign in Zion. This week's **Responsorial Psalm** is from *Psalms 145*: A prayer of praise to God who is our king. Our **Second Reading** is from *Romans 8:9,11-13*: Those in whom the Spirit of God dwells must now live according to the Spirit, not the flesh. This Sunday's **Gospel Reading** is from *Matthew 11:25-30*: Jesus prays in thanks to God, who has revealed himself to the lowly.

Summary of the Readings: First reading: The First reading refers to the Kingdom of God in nuptial imagery. The king will come back to marry his people which is fulfilled in the Eucharist at Mass. Christ unites Himself to His people. There is Messianic imagery for Jesus' peaceful and unifying Kingship that reverses the divisions of the Davidic kingdom through the one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church. **Psalm:** Psalm 145 is the last Psalm in the Psalter and emphasises the reality of God's Kingdom that will be greater than David's. Christ is the King, and the Church is God's kingdom. **Second reading:** You are in the spirit and by the Holy Spirit our souls are justified and saved. The Spirit brings us to new life. We must be docile to the Holy Spirit to be transformed by Him. **Gospel:** This Gospel passage is often called the thunderbolt of John because of its powerful revelation of the knowledge of the Father and the Son of each other. There is intimacy of Father and the Son in a filial relationship which we are generously invited into. This contrasts every other religion. The second half of the passage addresses the contrast between the yoke of Rehoboam and the yoke of Christ. Rehoboam placed hefty taxes on the people of Israel which caused the split of the Davidic Kingdom. In contrast, Jesus gives us the light yoke of salvation. Yokes are made for two animals. Therefore, Jesus walks with us and bears the brunt of the load for us yet allows us to unite our sufferings to His redemptive work.

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS
**From Monday 31st July to Friday 1st September there will only be one
Mass at 10.00am**
There will be NOT be a 7.45am Mass during this period. Thank you

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Fr John Jesus' Surgery—Fr John's next surgery, where he will be available to meet with people will be on **Tuesday 25th July, between 4pm-5pm.**

Newham Partnership Youth Co-Ordinator - The successful applicant will build and develop a Partnership Youth Leadership Team. Hours: 35 hours per week (to include evening and weekend work) Salary: £25,000 p/a Contract: A fixed 2 year contract, Start Date: Early October 2023. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to frdanielkelly@brcdt.org Closing date for applications is 11th September 2023. Interviews – Week commencing 18th September 2023

**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.

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!

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.

NEWHAM DEANERY YOUTH GATHER

Sunday 16th July—2pm-4.30pm

Brampton Park, Lonsdale Avenue, East Ham E6 3LA

Friends and family are welcome!

Join us for an afternoon of music, fellowship, and a fun game of rounders!

Bring along refreshments

Farewell to Father Philip Okoli

Dear friends, we have been blessed for this last year to have had Father Philip Okoli with us here in the parish. Sadly for us, Bishop Alan has now asked him to move to help out at St James and St Helen Parish in Colchester. Father Okoli, while doing his studies in Colchester this last year, has helped out here at the parish. His wisdom, kindness, generosity and love of God has shone through in everything he has done. Even though his stay with us will have been short, we will miss him and pray his ministry will continue to flourish in Colchester. **On Sunday July 30th after the 12-noon mass** we will have a gathering to wish him farewell. Please bring some food and drinks to share as we say a big thank you to Father Okoli for his service in our midst.

World Youth Day at home: World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with Pope Francis, taking place in Lisbon this summer. If you can't attend the main event, why not join **WYD in London** run by the Religious of the Assumption - a day celebration on **Saturday 5th August 2023** from 11am-5pm in the church by **Leicester Square.**

Programme: music • prayer • talks • activities • Mass, bringing together a young community of different nationalities in one faith! Venue: Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX. Donations only. **To register** a group or individually, fill in the form: [//bit.ly/wydlondon](http://bit.ly/wydlondon)

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