

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

MASS INTENTIONS 8th–16th July 2023

Saturday 8th July	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 Arecio De Mello RIP
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass
Monday 10th Feria	7.45am	Rubin D'Souza Jose Caetano Dias & Janware Fernandes
	10.00am	John Tan RIP
Tuesday 11th St Benedict	7.45am	Peter Pinto Tony Pichaymuthu
	10.00am	Requiem Margaret Adrien
	8.00pm	St Anthony's Novena
Wednesday 12th Feria	7.45am	Hilary Short
	10.00am	Jonathan Peters RIP Halyburton Family RIP
Thursday 13th Feria	7.45am	Mario Pinto
	10.00am	William & Pat Fletcher RIP Michael Daly RIP
Friday 14th Feria	7.45am	Pauline Reay RIP
	10.00am	Maria Agnese Sanna RIP
Saturday 15th St Bonaventure	10.00am	Hycinth Francis Intentions
	6.30pm	(vigil) People of the Parish
Sunday 16th July 2023 15th Sunday of the Year (A)	8.30am	Rinaldo & Family
	10.00am	Patricia Ogbuwelu & Family Thanksgiving
	12 Noon	Evarest E Onyeakazi 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
9th July 2023—Fourteenth 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.

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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Fr John Jesus' Surgery—Fr John's next surgery, where he will be available to meet with people will be on **Tuesday 11th 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

St Peters RC Primary School, Dagenham is looking for a Breakfast Club Assistant and an After School Club Assistant. Please see the Barking and Dagenham Schools Vacancy Bulletin or contact the school office for more information Telephone 0208 270 6524 or office@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk. Closing date 17 July 2023 10 am.

Property Assistant – Cathedral House - The successful applicant will provide comprehensive, effective, and efficient administration support. Full Job description is attached. Hours: 35 hours per week- Office Based. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to recruitment@brcdt.org Closing date for applications is 15th July 2023.

Margaret Mary Adrien RIP—Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Adrien. Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 11th July at 10am St Antony's Church. Please remember her family and friends in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her , may she rest in peace. Amen.

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.

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.

**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.

Apostleship of the Sea - Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - Thank you. Envelopes available at back of Church.

Thank you for your continued support

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- **Donations can be made parish web-site** www.stantonysforestgate.com
- Payment direct into the parish bank account using online banking
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