

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

MASS INTENTIONS 29th July–6th August 2023

Saturday 29th July	6.30pm	(vigil) Antonio Mendis Intentions
Sunday 30th July 2023 17th Sunday of the Year (A)	8.30am 10.00am 12 Noon 3.00pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	People of the Parish Stanley & Janila Thanksgiving & Intentions Michael Harrick RIP Spanish Mass Solemn Holy Hour Mass
Monday 31st St Ignatius of Loyola	7.45am	NO MASS
	10.00am	Florianna Dias Thanksgiving Bianco Obi Thanksgiving
Tuesday 1st August St Alphonsus Liguori	7.45am	NO MASS
	10.00am	Rosa Maria Dias Madeline Tan RIP
	8.00pm	St Anthony's Novena
Wednesday 2nd Feria	7.45am	NO MASS
	10.00am	Amanda (Special Intentions) Lina Treacy Family Thanksgiving
Thursday 3rd Feria	7.45am	NO MASS
	10.00am	Christian Adebisi Gbangbola RIP Gerard Garvey RIP P Shawn Intentions
First Friday 4th St John Vianney	7.45am	NO MASS
	10.00am	Prudence Roderick Mariapillai Nicholas RIP
Saturday 5th Feria	10.00am	Charlett & Aloeyes RIP In Thanksgiving
	6.30pm	(vigil) People of the Parish
Sunday 6th August 2023 Transfiguration of the Lord (A)	8.30am 10.00am 12 Noon 3.00pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Shelton Luke Ross RIP Patricia Ogbuowelu & Family Thanksgiving Rommell Tresvalles RIP Spanish 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
30th July 2023—Seventeenth Sunday of the Year A

Overall Theme of the Readings: To gain wisdom is to gain it from God. It comes to those who love Him and are docile to the Spirit of the Lord. He will grant you more wisdom than Solomon.

First Reading - 1 Kings 3:5,7-12: Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people. God appeared to Solomon in his youth and God offers Solomon one request. Solomon unselfishly asked for wisdom which pleased God. From this wisdom, Solomon told three thousand parables. This shows how Solomon is a prototype of Christ, who tells many parables from His Divine Wisdom. Similarly, the kingdom of David is the foreshadowing of the Kingdom of the Lord, the Church.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 119: The law of the Lord is more precious than silver and gold. The psalm praises of all God's commands that all flow from His Divine Wisdom. Jesus is the Incarnation of the Law of God.

Second Gospel Reading - Romans 8:28-30: God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son. The first-born son motif is displayed in this reading. What God considers a first born is different than what we think, because it is designated to those who love the Lord as His first-born son. What is first in the order of nature often succumbs to pride in the Old Testament. Jesus is the first-born of all first-borns, and we are called to a royal firstborn status as children of God by Baptism. As first-borns, we should love the Lord even in the trials. God prompts us to good and loving choices by His Spirit working with our free will.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 13:44-52: Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus is the royal first-born son of David and has come to re-establish the kingdom. This Kingdom is contrary to other kingdoms. He explains this through parables that refer to Himself and the Church. The catching of fish parable shows how the Church is mixed with sinners and saints. The pearl of great price is our call to discipleship. He calls us to give up everything for the Kingdom. The Kingdom is where the King is. Therefore, the Eucharist, Christ Himself, is the pearl of great price that we would even give our lives for.

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NEWSLETTER

There will be no newsletter during the month of August, Mass intentions will be posted on the notice board at the back of the Church and on the parish website.

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.

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

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.

Helena (Mary) Hambly RIP—please pray for the repose of the soul of Helena Hambly who died recently, Helen was a long standing dedicated member of the parish community, she was great supporter of the parish SVP. Helen's funeral service will be at **City of London on 7th August at 1pm**. 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

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)

NO 7.45AM MASS 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

FIRST FRIDAY MASS—there will **NOT** be a First Friday evening Mass on Friday 4th August, the next First Friday evening mass followed by All night Exposition will be on Friday 1st September 2023.

The Knights of Saint Columba National Relic Tour 2023

We are delighted to announce that the Diocese of Brentwood will be graced with the presence of esteemed relics during the Knights of Saint Columba National Relic Tour 2023. From July 30th to August 12th, we welcome you to witness and venerate the sacred relics of St. Columba of Iona, St. Andrew the Apostle, and St. Margaret of Scotland.

The relics will be here at St Antony's Church from Wednesday 2nd August—Friday 4th August 2023

- ⇒ **Wed 2nd Aug 12.30—6pm: Welcome service and Veneration**
- ⇒ **Thurs 3rd Aug 8am-12 Noon: Veneration before/after 10am Mass-12 Noon**
- ⇒ **Fri 4th Aug 8am-12 Noon: Veneration before/after 10am Mass-12 Noon**
- ⇒ **Friday 4th August relics depart at 12.15pm**

For timetable of dates, time and places where relics can be viewed throughout the Diocese visit: <https://ibb.co/VWMPSVv>

Cleaner – St Joseph, Leyton - A vacancy has arisen for a part time Cleaner for St. Joseph in Leyton to carry out cleaning duties for the Jubilee Hall and Presbytery. The post will be part-time (approximately 4 hours per week). For more information or to apply please email leyton@brcdt.org . Full Job description: [Cleaner – Leyton](#) . Closing date for applications 4 August 2023.

Thank you for your continued support

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