

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

MASS INTENTIONS 30th September - 1st October 2023

Saturday 30th Sept	6.30pm	(vigil) Seotimo Perez RIP
Sunday 1st October 2023—26th Sunday of the Year A	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Helen Hambly RIP
	12 Noon	Mary Carr RIP
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass
Monday 2nd	7.45am	F Dias Thanksgiving
The Holy Guardian Angels	10.00am	Nformiwa Nyap Nformi Luis Martin & Family Thanksgiving
Tuesday 3rd Feria	7.45am	John, Helen, Dina Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Chief R A Amole RIP
	8.00pm	St Anthony's Novena
Wednesday 4th St Francis of Assisi	7.45am	Kenneth A LueQuee RIP
	10.00am	John Tan RIP Jose Dela Cuesta RIP
	4.30pm	Reception of Body Victorine Vella
Thursday 5th Feria	7.45am	Josephine Moloney Monaghan Eamon Byrne RIP
	10.00am	Requiem: Victorine Jeanette Salvine Vella
First Friday 6th Feria Harvest Fast Day	7.45am	Prudence Roderick RIP
	10.00am	Intira Stanislaus RIP
	9.30pm	Sacred Heart Confraternity— followed by All Night Adoration
Saturday 7th Our Lady of the Rosary	10.00am	Dexter Stafford Ross RIP Kenneth A LueQuee Jnr Thanksgiving
	6.30pm	(Vigil) Martin Hehir RIP
Sunday 8th October 2023—27th Sunday of the Year A	8.30am	Neil & Catherin Curtin RIP
	10.00am	Edith Obi & Family Thanksgiving
	12 Noon	Bradley Olufowobi Thanksiging
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	People of Parish

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
Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year A
1st October 2023

Our First Reading this week is from *Ezekiel 18:25-28*: It is possible to turn from sin and preserve one's life.

The **Responsorial Psalm** is from *Psalms 25*: A prayer to God for mercy.

Today's **Second Reading** is taken from *Philippians 2:1-11*: Be like Christ who humbled himself and was exalted by God.

This Sunday's **Gospel Reading** is *Matthew 21:28-32*: Jesus poses a question to the chief priests and elders on the meaning of obedience.

Jesus questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: *Which son did what the father wanted?* All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders. Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

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Sunday Tea and Coffee— From **Sunday October 1st** we will be having a gathering every Sunday for tea and coffee right after 12 noon mass in St Francis hall. By doing this we hope to encourage people to hang around after mass to have a chat, catch up and to connect. Life is so fast and busy these days, its always nice just to stop, greet and share with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS – Certificate of Catholic Practice
School Applications—If you are applying to a **Catholic Secondary School**, Fr John will only issue a Certificate of Catholic practice within appointment times, please do not just turn up at the church without an appointment. A Certificate of Catholic Practice will only be issued to a child from a practising Catholic Family.
Appointment sheets can be found at the back of the Church for

Tues 3rd October 3.30pm-5.30pm

St Antony's Saturday Club—Dear friends, we will be starting up the Saturday Club this **October, on Saturday 7th, from 2pm-4p**. The Saturday Club ran for years, on a monthly basis and it is designed to offer the senior citizens of our parish a place to gather, have a cuppa and a sandwich, catch up and enjoy themselves for a few hours on a Saturday afternoon.

Victorine Vella RIP—Please pray for the repose of the soul of Victorine Vella, her Requiem Mass will be celebrated in St Antony's Church Thursday 5th October at 10am. 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 7th October 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.

*First Friday—6th October 2023—First Friday Mass 9.30pm
followed by All Night Adoration*

Know Your Faith (formally known as *Symbolon*) - One of the major challenges today in making our faithful Catholics stronger in their faith is by providing them with a solid formation. When you get to know your Faith better it affects everything in your life in a positive way, how you pray, how you read the Bible, how you experience the mass and how you share your faith with others, especially when people or family members ask challenging questions to you. **Every Friday night from Friday October 13 we will be gathering to deepen, share and study important aspects of our faith.**

The online gathering begins at 7:30pm when we watch a video from a leading biblical expert/ theologian on a particular subject. Then we break out into little groups to share and reflect together on some questions asked. We then come back to say a final prayer together.

The subject this semester on *Know Your Faith* will be on understanding the mass. Have you ever wondered what all the different gestures and symbolism mean during the mass? Now is a great occasion to learn together on the meaning of the mass we so often frequent, often without fully understanding many things.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/72104785609>

Sunday Bible Study - every Sunday at 4pm.
The Eucharist in the Bible from Genesis to the Book of Revelation.
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/72104785609>

St Bonaventure's Opening Evening - Open Evening on 5th October 2023 from 6pm. Open Mornings - by appointment - from 9th to 12th October.
Pick up a postcard from back of church for more information.

CAFOD—Harvest Fast Day (6th October 2023)—there will be a second collection after all masses weekend of **8th/9th October 2023**

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