

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

**MASS INTENTIONS 2nd–10th September 2023**

<b>Saturday 2nd</b>	6.30pm	(vigil) Stephen Laviniere
<b>Sunday 3rd Sept 2023 22nd Sunday of the Year (A)</b>	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Seamus, Margaret & Tara Nolan Intentions
	12 Noon	Bennett Family RIP & John's Intentions
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass
<b>Monday 4th Feria</b>	7.45am	Seamus Maughan
	10.00am	Daniella Fernandes
<b>Tuesday 5th Feria</b>	7.45am	Patricia McHugh RIP
	10.00am	Lynsey & Tom Healy Evans Henry RIP
	<b>8.00pm</b>	St Anthony's Novena
<b>Wednesday 6th Feria</b>	7.45am	Fr James Gerard Smith
	10.00am	Madeline Tan RIP John Tan RIP
<b>Thursday 7th Feria</b>	7.45am	Wendy Smith RIP
	10.00am	Stanley's Intentions Charlotte J Go Intentions
<b>Friday 8th Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	7.45am	Michael & Matilda Harrick RIP & Leslie Dench RIP
	10.00am	Jerry Bliss RIP Russell Lowrie RIP
<b>Saturday 9th Feria</b>	10.00am	Patricia Ogbuwelu & Family Thanksgiving Stanley Intentions
	6.30pm	(Vigil) Florentina Valencia
<b>Sunday 10th Sept 2023 23rd Sunday of the Year A Education Day</b>	8.30am	Elias A Ohuabunwa RIP
	10.00am	Edith Obi & Family Thanksgiving
	12 Noon	People of the Parish
	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**

**3rd September 2023**

**Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year A**

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 3, 2023**

Our First Reading this Sunday is *Jeremiah 20:7-9*: Jeremiah laments but cannot fail to speak in God's name. The Responsorial Psalm is from *Psalms 63*: Our souls yearn for God. This week's Second Reading is from *Romans 12:1-2*: Paul encourages the Romans to stay faithful to God. Our Gospel Reading today is *Matthew 16:21-27*: Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.

Now that the disciples have acknowledged that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he must suffer and die in Jerusalem to be raised on the third day. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely, calling him "Satan." In opposing this aspect of Jesus' mission, Peter shows that he is no longer speaking based on the revelation from God but as a human being. Jesus then teaches all of the disciples about the difficult path of discipleship: to be Christ's disciple is to follow in his way of the cross.

Peter could not yet understand what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah. It is unlikely that the other disciples understood any better. The common view was that the Messiah would be a political figure, a king that would free Israel from Roman rule. This is perhaps what Peter envisioned when he was led to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. In this passage, however, Jesus is beginning to teach his disciples that he would be the Messiah in a different way.

Jesus would be more like the suffering servant described by the prophet Isaiah than the political liberator. Those who would be Jesus' disciples would be called to a similar life of service. Perhaps this is what Peter feared most in Jesus' prediction of his Passion. He whom Jesus had called "rock" would also be called upon to offer himself in sacrifice and service to others. Christian leaders today are still called to sacrifice and serve others as Jesus did.

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**Parish Administrator: Marie Browne Tel: 020 8472 0433 :**

**Parish Youth Co-ordinator: Catherine Wallis-Hughes Tele: 07807348223.**

**St Antony's School: -T.020 8552 3670**

**The RCIA Journey in Faith programme at St. Antony's is now open for registrations for the 2023-4 year.**

RCIA is for adults who would like to become Catholic or complete their initiation (receive confirmation and/or the Eucharist). We also welcome adults who want to learn more about the Catholic faith without making a commitment to join the Church (e.g. you might be married to a Catholic, or just searching for a spiritual home and curious about what the Church teaches).

To find out more or to register, contact Catherine on

**[stantonysyouthproject@gmail.com](mailto:stantonysyouthproject@gmail.com), 07807 348 223, or in person.**

**Registrations are open from now until the end of September.**

**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](mailto:frdanielkelly@brcdt.org) **Closing date for applications is 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Interviews – Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**BCYS YOUTH MASS—Thursday 7th September, from 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral** Pizza & refreshments in the Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall from 6pm, with a chance to catch up with those from pilgrimages this Summer or perhaps find out more if you are thinking about joining the BCYS Lourdes or World Youth Day Pilgrimages in the future.

Youth Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book!

**YOUTH MASS** always takes places on the first Thursday of the month at Brentwood Cathedral, and coming up this term there is input from Charitable organisations in October, the fantastic David Wells speaking in November and an Advent Reconciliation service in December.

**Property Administrator – 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](mailto:recruitment@brcdt.org). Closing date for applications is 15th September 2023.

**Site Manager, Epping** - A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Site Manager at The Immaculate Conception, Epping. The post will be part-time (three hours per week – with a flexible working agreement to be agreed). Please send your CV and cover letter by email to [admin@eppingparish.plus.com](mailto:admin@eppingparish.plus.com)

Job description: JD014\_08 – Caretaker Cleaner – Epping Official V.2 (002)

**RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023-24**

**Parents of Children in Year 4 of Primary School in September 2023 are eligible to enrol their children for the First Holy Communion Programme**

**2023-24. Here is how you sign up:**

Email the parish office ([forestgate@brcdt.org](mailto:forestgate@brcdt.org)) and request a First Holy Communion Registration Form, please note you will need to provide a copy of your child's baptismal certificate when returning registration form.

**Registration open now until Sunday 24th September 2023.**

**The programme will begin on Saturday 30th September 2023 for all those who have completed registration. This meeting is for parents and children, further information will be given at this meeting.**

**The next Baptismal Preparation Course—Will be on Saturday 16th September 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.

**Mary Carr RIP**—please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Carr who died in Ireland in June of this year, Mary was a parishioner of St Antony's for over sixty years. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her may she rest in peace. Amen.

**Catholic Education Service—Education Day 10th September** — there will be a second collection after all masses next weekend (9th/10th September) for Catholic Education Fund.

**Thank you for your continued support**

- **online donations link:** <https://stream.seccomgroup.com/donations/saop>
- **Donations can be made parish web-site** [www.stantonysforestgate.com](http://www.stantonysforestgate.com)
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