

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

MASS INTENTIONS 9th–17th September 2023

Saturday 9th	6.30pm	(vigil) Florentina Valencia
Sunday 10th Sept 2023 23rd Sunday of the Year A Education Day	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
Monday 11th Feria	7.45am	Seamus & Britney Maughan
	10.00am	Albert Romero Thanksgiving (private intention)
Tuesday 12th Feria	7.45am	Thanksgiving (special intention)
	10.00am	Judy D'Silva Thanksgiving Jerry Bliss
	8.00pm	St Anthony's Novena
Wednesday 13th St John Chrysostom	7.45am	Antonio Romero
	10.00am	Patricia D'Souza RIP Natalia Nabachwa RIP
Thursday 14th Exaltation of the Holy Cross	7.45am	Lincoln Brian Ross RIP
	10.00am	Kenady & Jesmine Intentions Pauline Reay RIP
Friday 15th Our Lady of Sorrows	7.45am	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Madeline Tan RIP Paddy & Bridie Tolan
Saturday 16th Ss Cornelius P, & Cyprian, Bp, Mm	10.00am	Maria Louisa Fletcher RIP Cecilia Evans Intentions
	6.30pm	(Vigil) People of the Parish
Sunday 17th Sept 2023 24th Sunday of the Year A Evangelii Gaudium Day	8.30am	Anton Thangarajah RIP
	10.00am	Austin Family
	12 Noon	Georgina Wills Intentions
	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

10th September 2023

Education Day

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 10, 2023

Our **First Reading** this Sunday is from *Ezekiel 33:7-9*: The Son of Man is appointed as guardian of Israel.

The **Responsorial Psalm** is from *Psalms 95*: Song of praise to God, our salvation. This week's **Second Reading** is from *Romans 13:8-10*: The Law is summarized in the commandment to love your neighbour as yourself.

Today's **Gospel Reading** is *Matthew 18:15-20*: Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.

In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

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

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, 07807 348 223, or in person.

Registrations are open from now until the end of September.

St Antony's Saturday Club

Dear friends, we will be starting up the Saturday Club this October, on Saturday 7th. The Saturday Club ran for years, on a monthly basis before Covid but like many things never got back on track afterwards. 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. To run this monthly event we need volunteers to help set up, welcome, make sandwiches and a cuppa, clean up and generally hang out and spend time with our senior citizen community. Many have already given me their name but the more the merrier, so please let the parish office know if you are able to help out in any way.

The first meeting to start to organise this will be on Saturday September 16th at 11:30am here at the parish.

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.

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**

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) 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.

BCYS YOUTH GATHER – Sat 21st – Sun 22nd October, at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island - Open to absolutely anyone in year 9 and above, this is a weekend of outdoor activities (climbing, high ropes, archery, zip wire) as well as prayer, reflection and input from the amazing Adenike, who was a semi-finalist on “The Voice”. There will be coaches picking up from 6 different locations around the Diocese, and this is included in the cost of the weekend, as well as all food, accommodation, 2 outdoor activities, workshops from Adenike and the SVP and so much more! This is always a popular event, so do ensure to apply for your place now at www.bcys.net/events/yg23

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

Evangelii Gaudium Day—there will be a second collection after all Mass weekend of 16th/17th September 2023.

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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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