

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

**MASS INTENTIONS 16th–24th September 2023**

<b>Saturday 16th</b>	6.30pm	(vigil) People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 17th Sept 2023 24th Sunday of the Year A Evangelii Gaudium Day</b>	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
<b>Monday 18th Feria</b>	7.45am	Crispin Wright & Rasaki Amole RIP
	10.00am	Leonad Johnson Intentions Tomas Healy Intentions
<b>Tuesday 19th Feria</b>	7.45am	John Paul Cunningham Intentions
	10.00am	Austin Family
	<b>8.00pm</b>	St Anthony's Novena
<b>Wednesday 20th Ss Andrew, Kim Tae- Gon, Pr, &amp; Paul Chong Ha-Sang, &amp; Comps Mm</b>	7.45am	Noreen Wallace Thanksgiving
	10.00am	John Tan RIP
<b>Thursday 21st St Matthew, Ap, Evangelist</b>	7.45am	Feeney Family RIP
	10.00am	Claudia & Martin Kehurah Intentions
<b>Friday 22nd Feria</b>	7.45am	Ann & Jack Yanushka
	10.00am	Stanislaus Naganathan
<b>Saturday 23rd St Pius of Pietrelcina, (Padre Pio)</b>	10.00am	Thanksgiving (F Dias)
	6.30pm	(Vigil) People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 24th Sept 2023 25th Sunday of the Year A</b>	8.30am	Clive & Ivan Francis RIP
	10.00am	Monica Chikezie/Nwosu & Family Intentions
	12 Noon	Brian & Jean Briggs
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	4.30pm	Tamil 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**  
**Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year A**  
**17th September 2023—Evangelii Gaudium Day**

**Our First Reading this Sunday is from *Sirach 27:30—28:9*:** Those who seek God's mercy must be merciful toward others. The **Responsorial Psalm** is from *Psalm 103*: A song of praise to God who is kind and merciful. This week's **Second Reading** is *Romans 14:7-9*: We belong to the Lord. Today's **Gospel Reading** is taken from *Matthew 18:21-35*: Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

**A New Pastoral Year Begins**

Dear friends, another school and pastoral year has begun and we confide to the Lord our schools, the students and staff of our incredible Catholic Schools as well as our parish activities for the coming year. We pray for all the children who will be baptised, receive their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation, as well as all the different programs about to start up again.

Our Sunday Bible Study will be starting up again on Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>. This semester we will be doing a study of the story of the Eucharist in the Bible, from Genesis to the Book of Revelation. Also, the Friday night online formation forum called Symbolon will also start up again very soon.

As many of you will remember, before Covid our Parish Evangelisation Cells played a big part in our parish life and future. Unfortunately, like many things, the pandemic deeply affected this initial dynamism and now we find ourselves having to regroup and relaunch this movement in our parish community. The future of our parish and of the Church's presence here in Newham will depend on how dynamic our desire to evangelise is. If we fail in transmitting the Good News, we fail at the most fundamental and vital part of our calling as Catholics. Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>, in honour of St Theresa of Lisieux, patron of the missions, we will have a Sunday especially dedicated to this task.

In October we also hope to relaunch our Saturday Club. If you know of any of our senior citizens who would like to participate in an afternoon of fun, food, bingo and banter please invite them to come along on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> (More details on this will be posted next Sunday). Also this winter our Homeless Shelter will be open again.

There is a constant need for volunteers here at St Antony's, and the list is long for daily and weekly tasks needed to keep our parish open and flourishing, from cleaning, serving the homeless, teaching catechism, coffee mornings, reading or becoming an eucharistic minister... Maybe the Lord is calling you to serve?

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**CHRISTMAS STOCK NOW AVAILABLE IN THE HOLY SHOP/REPOSITORY, CHRISTMAS CARDS, CALENDARS, DIARIES AND MUCH MORE, HURRY WHILE STOCKS LAST.**

**Fr John Jesus' surgery will be on Tuesday 19th October 4pm-5pm, for anyone who would like to meet with him.**

**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.**

#### **Sunday Bible Study**

Our Sunday online Bible Study will continue from **Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>**. This year our Sunday Bible Study will start later in the afternoon at 4pm. This semester we will be studying **The Eucharist in the Bible** from Genesis to the Book of Revelation.

#### **Symbolon**

Our weekly Friday night on-line catechetical formation (Symbolon) will start up again on **Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm**. More details on this semester's content in next Sunday's newsletter. This formation is for all who would like to deepen their knowledge of their faith and share it with others.

**St Antony's Saturday Club**—Dear friends, we will be starting up the Saturday Club this **October, on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**More details to follow.**

**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.

**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 closes on Sunday 24th September 2023.**

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

#### **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

**Wednesday 20th September 4pm-5pm**

**Tuesday 26th September 5pm-6pm**

***Evangelii Gaudium – Preparing for the Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer - Evangelii Gaudium*** Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. “*Evangelii Gaudium*” is Latin for “Joy of the Gospel”. The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops’ Conference.

A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis’ calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. For more information please visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday>

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

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