

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

MASS INTENTIONS 14th –22nd October 2023

Saturday 14th October	6.30pm	(vigil) Maureen Murphy RIP
Sunday 15th October 2023— 28th Sunday of the Year A	8.30am 10.00am 12 Noon 3.00pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Canon John Duckett RIP People of the Parish Ellen Hambley RIP Spanish Mass Solemn Holy Hour Mass
Monday 16th	7.45am	Perez & Manalo Family RIP
Feria	10.00am	Michael Rozario RIP Max Francis RIP
Tuesday 17th St Ignatius of Antioch	7.45am	Prisoners and their families
	10.00am	John Tan RIP
	8.00pm	St Anthony's Novena
Wednesday 18th St Luke, Evangelist	7.45am	Sr Liberata Intentions
	10.00am	Mrs Arokiyamalar RIP
Thursday 19th Feria	7.45am	Special Intentions
	10.00am	Katherine & Mr Pethuru RIP
Friday 20th Feria	7.45am	Seamus & Mary Maughan & Family
	10.00am	Mary Jeslin RIP
Saturday 21st Feria	10.00am	Patricia Ogbuwelu & Family Thanksgiving
	6.30pm	(Vigil) People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd October 2023—29th Sunday of the Year A World Mission Day	8.30am 10.00am 12 Noon 3.00pm 4.30pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Bryan D'Cruz RIP Monica Chikezie/Nwosu & Family Intentions Maricel & Maxene Spanish Mass Tamil 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
Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year A
15th October 2023

In today's First Reading we read from *Isaiah 25:6-10*: The Lord will provide richly for his people.

The **Responsorial Psalm** is from *Psalms 23*: The Lord is our shepherd.

Our **Second Reading** is *Philippians 4:12-14,19-20*: Paul tells the Philippians that God provides whatever he needs.

This Sunday's **Gospel Reading** is *Matthew 22:1-14*: Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

Immediately after criticizing the religious leaders through the parable of the tenants in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus proceeded to tell another parable, again directed at the religious leaders. We hear this parable in today's Gospel.

The parable Jesus tells is straightforward. The king dispatches his servants to invite the guests to the wedding feast that he is planning for his son. The listeners would have been surprised to learn that the first guests refused the invitation. Who would refuse the king's invitation? A second dispatch of servants follows. Again to the listeners' great surprise, some guests ignore the invitation. Some of the invited guests even go so far as to mistreat and kill the servants. The king invokes his retribution against these murderers by destroying them and burning their city.

With the invited guests now deemed unworthy to attend the king's wedding feast, the servants are sent to invite whomever they can find. The guests arrive, but it appears that accepting the king's invitation brings certain obligations. The guest who failed to dress in the appropriate wedding attire is cast out of the feast. We are reminded that while many are invited to the kingdom of heaven, not all are able to meet its requirements. God invites us to his feast, giving us his salvation. Yet he asks us to repent for our sins.

Jesus' message in the parable cautions against exclusive beliefs about the kingdom of heaven. The parable also teaches about humility. Those who assume that they are the invited guests may find that they have refused the invitation, and so others are invited in their place. To accept the invitation is also to accept its obligations. God wants our full conversion in complete acceptance of his mercy.

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Fr Philip-Thomas

From January 2024 until September 2024, fr Philip-Thomas will be taking up a temporary mission to serve the parish of St Patrick's Soho while the parish priest there goes on sabbatical. He will be living at the presbytery in Soho Square although he will come back to Forest Gate regularly.
Let's pray for him during this time.

Fr John's next surgery for anyone who like to meet with him will be on Tuesday 17th October 4pm-5pm.

Do You Want to Be An Altar Server?

Boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion are welcome.
New altar servers needed for all Sunday masses:
Altar Servers' Training Day on Sunday 22nd October 2023 at 1:15pm in the Sacristy
The training will finish at 2:30pm

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

Tuesday 17th October 5.00pm-6.00pm

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 – £30,000 pa (depending on experience). Contract: A fixed 3 year contract. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to frdanielkelly@brcdt.org.

Closing date for applications is 28th October 2023.

For job specification/description please visit

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

There are various job opportunities throughout the Diocese for more information please visit:

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Sung Mass - Sacred Polyphony

Fr Philip-Thomas recently led a singing pilgrimage in France.
The singers will be leading our **12 noon Mass on Sunday 29th October, singing Latin Mass settings in 4 voices. (Lotti, Tallis, Gibbons etc.)**

Sunday Bible Study in person Sunday October 29th - Dear friends, on Sunday October 29th we will be gathering "in person" to do our Bible Study. It will be at 2pm in St Clare's Hall just after the coffee and tea gathering after mass. That day Father John will develop the theme of Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark. St Mark is the shortest Gospel but it is full of insights on how Jesus wants us to become disciples and followers of his. Come and join us and bring some food and drinks to share.

St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge is recruiting full time Learning Support Assistants to work with students aged 5-25 with a wide range of special needs. Hours 9.00am to 3.30pm, term time only, experience preferred. Salary range from £17,372.62 (FTE £23,067). We are also seeking experienced **Speech & Language Therapists**. For an application pack please email office@stjohnsreschool.co.uk or call 020 8504 1818, successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check www.stjohnsreschool.co.uk

St Patrick's Cemetery

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL, will be on Monday 13th November at 11.30.am

Prisoners' Sunday - 15th October, there will be a second collection after all masses this weekend 14th/15th October 2023.

World Mission Day-22nd October, there will be a second collection after all masses this weekend 21st/22nd October.

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Thank you for your continued support

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