

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

MASS INTENTIONS 21st–29th October 2023

Saturday 21st October	6.30pm	(vigil) People of the parish
Sunday 22nd October 2023—29th Sunday of the Year A World Mission Day	8.30am	Bryan D’Cruz RIP
	10.00am	Monica Chikezie/Nwosu & Family Intentions
	12 Noon	Maricel & Maxene
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	4.30pm	Tamil Mass
	6.30pm 7.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour Mass
Monday 23rd	7.45am	Virgilio P Valerio
Feria	10.00am	Madeline Tan RIP Robert Treacy RIP
Tuesday 24th Feria	7.45am	Brian & Jean Briggs
	10.00am	Lillian Francis RIP John Tan RIP
	8.00pm	St Anthony’s Novena
Wednesday 25th Feria	7.45am	Linda Ann D’Cruz RIP
	10.00am	Olufowobi Family Thanksgiving In thanksgiving—private intention
Thursday 26th St Cedd	7.45am	Reynaldo De Sagun
	10.00am	Florence Antony Madeline Tan RIP
Friday 27th Feria	7.45am	Dennis Castellás & Lily Macfarlaine Janet River
	10.00am	Requiem Agnes Wellington
Saturday 28th Ss Simon & Jude	10.00am	Madeline Tan RIP Austin Family
	6.30pm	(Vigil) People of the Parish
Sunday 29th October 2023—30th Sunday of the Year A	8.30am	Dulice Castellás
	10.00am	Andre Cardozo Intentions
	12 Noon	Matilda Harrick RIP
	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
Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year A
22nd October 2023

Our First Reading this week is from *Isaiah 45:1,4-6*: The Lord chooses Cyrus to subdue the nations for the sake of Israel. The **Responsorial Psalm** is *Psalm 96*: Sing praise to the Lord. Today’s **Second Reading** is *1 Thessalonians 1:1-5*: Paul greets the Thessalonians, recalling the Gospel they received.

Our **Gospel Reading this Sunday** is from *Matthew 22:15-21*: The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.

In today’s Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Jesus’ response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar’s image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God. Jesus’ response to the Herodians and Pharisees reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honour that we owe to God?

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.)

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*Fr John's next surgery for anyone who like to meet with him will be on
Tuesday 24th October 4pm-5pm.*

**Friends of St Antony (FSA)
meeting will be on Tuesday 24th October after the 10am Mass.**

**URSULINE CENTENARY BOOK
Copies are available in the Holy Shop price £10**

**All Saints—Wednesday 1st November - Holy Day of Obligation
All Saints Masses: 7.45am: 10.00am 7.30pm**

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.

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**

The next Baptismal Preparation Course—Will be on Saturday 11th November 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.

Agnes Wellington RIP—we pray for the repose of the soul of Agnes Wellington whose requiem mass will be celebrated in St Antony's on 27th 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.

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/>

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

November is the month when we pray for all those who have gone before us “*marked with the sign of faith*”. Many in our midst are mourning and missing loved ones the list of the dead will be placed at the foot of the altar for the whole month, we pray for those who have passed away but also to ask for consolation and healing for all those who are mourning loved ones.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES - Please place the names of your deceased family and friends and all for whom you wish to pray in an envelope, (there are some envelopes available at the back of the Church). Their names will be placed on the altar and Mass will be offered for them during the month of November. Please return the envelopes to the Holy Shop/Repository or give to one of the priests. Donations can also be placed inside the envelope. Thank you.

Thursday 2nd November—All Souls Masses: 7.45am: 10.00am 7.30pm

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.

The Knights of St Columba Forest Gate

invites you to a Dinner and Dance at Our Lady of Compassion Hall, Green Street, Upton Park on **25th November 2023.**

Time 4pm-10pm. Tickets: Adults £12 / Children £8

See poster at back of church for more details.

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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