

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

MASS INTENTIONS 7th -15th October 2023

Saturday 7th October	6.30pm	(vigil) Martin Hehir RIP
Sunday 8th October 2023—27th Sunday of the Year A Week of prayer for prisoners and their dependents	8.30am 10.00am 12 Noon 3.00pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Neil & Kathleen Curtin RIP Edith Obi & Family Thanksgiving Bradley Olufowobi Thanksgiving Spanish Mass Solemn Holy Hour People of Parish
Monday 9th	7.45am	Fr John Jesus Intentions
St John Henry Newman	10.00am	Madeline Tan RIP Jacinta Fitzgerald RIP
Tuesday 10th Feria	7.45am	Tranquilina Moran Intenions
	10.00am	Maura McLoughlin Intentions Medona Igneseious Intentions
	8.00pm	St Anthony's Novena
Wednesday 11th Feria	7.45am	Fr John Stokes Intentions
	10.00am	Ranjh Thanksgiving John Tan RIP
Thursday 12th Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe & Cuthberga	7.45am	Josefina Alfonso
	10.00am	Lynsey Healy
	2.00pm	Requiem Avandale George
Friday 13th Feria	7.45am	Shelton Luke Ross RIP
	10.00am	Michael Gaudoin RIP Waudi & Adebisi Amole
Saturday 14th Feria	10.00am	Pauline Reay RIP
	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

**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-Seventh Sunday of the Year A—8th October 2023

The First Reading this Sunday is from Isaiah 5:1-7: The Lord compares the house of Israel to a vineyard. The **Responsorial Psalm** is taken from *Psalm 80*: The Lord protects his vineyard, the house of Israel. Our **Second Reading today is Philipians 4:6-9**: Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to the teaching they received from him. This Sunday's **Gospel Reading** is from *Matthew 21:33-43*: Jesus tells the parable about the wicked tenants.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. In this parable, the landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

In telling the parable, Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

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.

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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

Wednesday 11th October 3.30pm-5.00pm

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.)

Avandale George RIP—Please pray for the repose of the soul of Avandale George his Requiem Mass will be celebrated in St Antony's Church 12th October at 2pm. Please remember his family and friends in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him, may he 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/>

Learning Support Assistant - We seek to appoint an ambitious and enthusiastic Learning Support Assistant to join our popular all boys school. The position would also suit those considering a teaching career, wishing to gain experience in a mainstream secondary school, or seeking a post working with teenagers in a supportive role in a stimulating environment. Deadline for Applications: Thursday 12th October 2023. Visit: <https://www.stbons.org/information-2/> or email j.ashton@Stbons.org for more information.

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

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

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

Know Your Faith (formally known as *Symbolon*) - One of the major challenges today in making our faithful Catholics stronger in their faith is by providing them with a solid formation. When you get to know your Faith better it affects everything in your life in a positive way, how you pray, how you read the Bible, how you experience the mass and how you share your faith with others, especially when people or family members ask challenging questions to you. **Every Friday night from Friday October 13 we will be gathering to deepen, share and study important aspects of our faith.**

The online gathering begins at 7:30pm when we watch a video from a leading biblical expert/ theologian on a particular subject. Then we break out into little groups to share and reflect together on some questions asked. We then come back to say a final prayer together.

The subject this semester on *Know Your Faith* will be on understanding the mass. Have you ever wondered what all the different gestures and symbolism mean during the mass? Now is a great occasion to learn together on the meaning of the mass we so often frequent, often without fully understanding many things.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/72104785609>

URSULINE ROMAN UNION CENTENARY 13th September 1923

The sisters have produced a commemorative book ***ROOTS AND SHOOTS***. If you would like a copy please see order details below

We ask for a donation of £12.50 which includes postage and packing. **Either** send an email to ursulinebook.ursuline@gmail.com giving your name and address and send your donation of £12.50 via BACs to Account: Ursuline Provincialate Account

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Be sure to add your name to the narrative section when ordering by bank transfer. Or write to Natasha Zammit Ursuline Convent 38 Grosvenor Road E7 8JA giving your name and address and enclose a cheque made payable to **Ursuline Sisters** or pay by BACS as above.

CAFOD—Harvest Fast Day—there will be a second collection after all masses this weekend **7th/8th October 2023**

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

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