

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

MASS INTENTIONS 11th - 19th November 2023

Saturday 11th	6.30pm	(vigil) Bridget Hehir RIP
Sunday 12th November 2023—32nd Sunday of the Year A Remembrance Sunday	8.30am	Rufina Franco RIP
	10.00am	Edith Obi & Family Thanksgiving
	12 Noon	Michael & Matilda Harrick RIP & Leslie Dench RIP
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm 7.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour People of the Parish
Monday 13th	7.45am	In thanksgiving Special Intentions Maria Louisa Fletcher RIP
Feria	10.00am	Requiem Pearline McKenzie
	4.30pm	Reception of Body Agatha Brown
Tuesday 14th Feria	7.45am	Pauline Reay RIP
	10.00am	John, Helen, Dina Thanksgiving Herculano Basanez Intentions
	12.30pm	Requiem Agatha Brown
	8.00pm	St Anthony's Novena
Wednesday 15th Feria	7.45am	In Thanksgiving Special Intentions
	10.00am	Owen & Winnie Maughan & Family Carmelina Carvalho RIP
Thursday 16th St Edmund of Abingdon	7.45am	Owen & Marie Maughan & Family
	10.00am	Xavier & Family Thanksgiving Jarín Go Intentions
Friday 17th Feria	7.45am	Danny Hunter RIP Christine Henry RIP
	10.00am	Requiem Melville McKinnon
Saturday 18th Feria	10.00am	Vera Mackin RIP Clarence Rajendran RIP
	6.30pm	(Vigil) People of the Parish
Sunday 19th November 2023—33rd Sunday of the Year A World Day of the Poor	8.30am	Raphael Evans RIP
	10.00am	Anne Bliss
	12 Noon	Chinenye Akotibe Thanksgiving
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	People of the Parish

ST ANTONY'S CHURCH FOREST GATE
Thirty Second Sunday of the Year A—12th November 2023
Remembrance Sunday

Our First Reading this week is from *Wisdom 6:12-16*: Wisdom will come to those who seek it.

The **Responsorial Psalm** is from *Psalm 63*: Our souls are thirsting for God. This week's **Second Reading** is taken from *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*: God will raise all those who have died.

This Sunday's **Gospel Reading** is from *Matthew 25:1-13*: Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In the chapter preceding this parable, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

REMEMBRANCE DAY PRAYER

God our Father, your Son Jesus gave up His life to free us from the power of sin and death. He showed us that the greatest love is in giving up one's life for others. Today we remember those who fought and died for our freedom. We ask you to bless and console them together with their families. Help us to understand the sacrifices they made in leaving their loved ones to face the horrors of war. May we never forget their generosity. May your Holy Spirit give us the courage to resist evil in all its forms and show us how to be peacemakers through prayer and action, lest we forget those who fought, suffered and died that we might have the freedom and peace we enjoy today.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Fr John's next surgery for anyone who like to meet with him will be on
Tuesday 21st November 2023 4pm-5pm.*

The next Baptismal Preparation Course— Will be on **Saturday 2nd December 2023** and begins at **12.00 Noon promptly**. 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.

Homeless Shelter

Last year from January to April, every Saturday evening, we opened our doors to the homeless. The men and women who were welcomed into our parish for a night experienced the warmth and hospitality of St Anthony's parish community and some delicious food (They voted us the best meals of the all the places they had been!).

Those of us who welcomed them and spent time with them, were also deeply touched by their plight and the wonderful characters we met along the way.

A big thank you to all who volunteered their time and energy.

Sometimes we feel powerless to help the homeless but this programme gave us the opportunity to reach out and make a difference.

This coming January we will once again be opening our doors every Saturday evening to the homeless. In view of making this year's shelter a success we will be having a meeting on **Sunday December 10th after 12 noon mass at 2pm in St Clare's Hall**. If you would like to contribute or help in any way for this year's project, please join us on that day.

The programme in 2024 begins early January and runs until the Month of March.

We pray for the repose of the soul of:

Pearline McKenzie RIP, requiem Mass will be in St Antony's Church on **Monday 13th November at 10am**.

Agatha Brown RIP, requiem Mass will be in St Antony's Church on **Tuesday 14th November at 12.30pm**.

Melville McKinnon RIP, requiem Mass will be in St Antony's Church on **Friday 17th November at 10am**.

Please remember their family and friends in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them may they rest in peace. Amen.

We pray for the SICK of our Parish, Families & Friends— and all at home or in hospital, and all who care for our sick.

PARISH GIFT AID SCHEME

A big thank you to all those in the Parish Gift Aid Scheme we have received a reclaim amount of £20,957.81.

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- ⇒ Are you a UK tax payer?
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For every £1 donated we can claim an extra 25p, at no extra cost to you:

- £5 given the parish can get £1.25 back with gift aid so your donation of £5 would become £6.25.
- £10 given the parish can get £2.50 back with Gift Aid, so your donation of £10 would become £12.50, and so on.....

STANDING ORDERS

We have many parishioners donating to the parish by Standing Order, if you make your donations to the parish by standing order and are not a member of the parish gift aid scheme, and you are a UK taxpayer, why not consider joining the parish gift aid scheme? Please contact the parish office forestgate@brcdt.org

**St Patrick's Cemetery - Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass
St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL, Mon 13th Nov 11.30.am**

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