

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

MASS INTENTIONS 18th - 26th November 2023

Saturday 18th	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	Holy Mass
Monday 20th	7.45am	Seamus & Mary Maughan & Family
Feria	10.00am	Segrid & Hazel Ayers Paddy Gallagher RIP
Tuesday 21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7.45am	In thanksgiving Special Intentions
	10.00am	In thanksgiving (F Dias) Private Intentions
	8.00pm	St Anthony's Novena
Wednesday 22nd St Cecilia	7.45am	Rosy Pinto
	10.00am	John Tan RIP Rubin D'Souza RIP
Thursday 23rd Feria	7.45am	Tom Mongan RIP
	10.00am	Raphael Evans Intentions Sneba Seena Intentions
Friday 24th St Andrew Dung-Lac, Pr, & Comps	7.45am	Brian & Jean Briggs
	10.00am	Gloria Tucker & Gregory Smith In thanksgiving private intentions
Saturday 25th Feria	10.00am	Evans Family RIP Charles Netto RIP
	6.30pm	(Vigil) Josephine Robinson
Sunday 26th November 2023—Our Lord Jesus Christ the King A Youth Day	8.30am	Joe Nimer Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Monica Chikezie/Nwosu & Family Intentions
	12 Noon	Mercy Rose Tuico Thanksgiving
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	4.30pm	Tamil Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	People of the Parish

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
Thirty third Sunday of the Year A-19th November 2023

Our First Reading this Sunday is from Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31:
The virtues of a good wife are extolled.

The **Responsorial Psalm** is from **Psalm 128:** Blessed are those who walk in
God's ways.

Our **Second Reading** today is taken from **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6:** Paul
warns the Thessalonians to stay alert because the day of the Lord cannot be
predicted.

The **Gospel Reading** this week is **Matthew 25:14-30:** Jesus tells the parable
of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that
God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors.
Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different
number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a
coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second
servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant,
however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to
lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a
bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is
given to the one who brought the greatest return.

This parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we
render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has
given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we
fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand,
if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be
rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

Posada Celebration

Dear friends, on **Friday 15th at 7:30pm**, following on last year's fun and very
much enjoyable Posada Celebration, we will be once again celebrating the
beautiful Mexican tradition of following the footsteps of Mary and Joseph to
Bethlehem. This celebration re-enacts the journey of Mary and Joseph, their
rejection along the way and finally finding a place to welcome the child Jesus
into the world. The journey will take us outside the Church initially and finish in
St Francis Hall with a warm drink, some food and the singing of Christmas
Carols together. This is something that children will enjoy and there will be a
Pinata for the children to open also. I hope you can join us.

Please bring food and drinks to share.

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

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS – Certificate of Catholic Practice

School Applications-If you are applying to a **Catholic Primary 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:
Thursday 23rd November 2023 3pm-4pm

Immaculate Conception—8th December

Friday 8th December, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception there will be three Masses (7.45am, 10am, 7.30pm) and at the end of the evening at 7.30pm there will be a candle lit procession in honour of our Blessed Mother.

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.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER - FEAST MASS will be held in St Antony's Church on **Saturday 2nd December at 12 noon** followed by fellowship. Fellow Goans of Newham please make a note and give your support by attending this annual celebration. May St Francis Xavier bless you all.

WALK with ME BOOKLET is a prayer and scripture journey for Advent. The booklet contains a brief reflection, either on the scripture reading of the day or on a catechetical theme. **The Advent edition is available in the Holy Shop.**

LEGION OF MARY - Legion of Mary will be holding a cake and house plants sale, to raise money for St Antony's Church Funds, on **3rd December** after all Sunday morning masses (8.30am, 10am, 12 Noon).

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RED WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, 22 November, is **RED WEDNESDAY**-a day of global prayer to support persecuted Christians. In Nigeria today more Christians are killed for their faith than in the rest of the world combined-14 every day, on average.

Wear something red to remind us all.

Young Adults Sahara Desert Retreat 26 February – 11th March 2024

Join Fr. Arnaud and Br. Vladimir for a walking retreat in the Sahara Desert in Morocco. 9 full days walking in the desert to recharge mentally, spiritually and physically, to strengthen our relationship with Jesus and to be renewed in Him. The desert is a helpful place for our interior life. Simply living and walking in the desert has a soothing and balancing effect on our beings. It helps us be fully present during the celebration of Mass and times of prayer. We will begin by a day of visit in the old city of Marrakesh, make our way to the desert in minibus then 4x4, then experience the silence of the desert. It is a beautiful place in the Sahara, very diverse, with Sand, rocks, camels, bushes, some birds, etc... A nice place to walk. Participants should be able to hike 4 - 6 hours a day for 9 full days in the desert. God Bless You ! Price : £952

Info and registration : <https://desert-retreat.com> , speak with
Fr Arnaud or contact Catherine at 07779 299039

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY – 26th November 2023 —

World Youth Day is a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church, along with the global Church, and is celebrated each year on the feast of Christ the King. There will be a second collection for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service after all masses next weekend. Please pray for all our young people and those who work with them. To find out more about the work of the BCYS, please visit www.bcys.net

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