

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

MASS INTENTIONS 25th November - 3rd December 2023

Saturday 25th	6.30pm	(vigil) Josephine Robinson
Sunday 26th November 2023—Our Lord Jesus Christ the King B 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
Monday 27th	7.45am	Madeline Tan RIP
Feria	10.00am	In Thanksgiving (F Dias)
Tuesday 28th Feria	7.45am	Dennis Castellás & Lily Macfarlane Carmen Alexander Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Florence Iyawa & Family Thanksgiving
	8.00pm	St Anthony's Novena
Wednesday 29th Feria	7.45am	Dulcie Castellás
	10.00am	John Tan RIP Mabel Netto RIP
Thursday 30th St Andrew	7.45am	Paddy Gallagher RIP
	10.00am	Nginwu & Njeshi Intentions The Ayers Family
First Friday 1st December Feria	7.45am	Prudence Roderick RIP Nora Bernadette McDermott RIP
	10.00am	Requiem Clifton Holmes
	9.30pm	Sacred Heart Confraternity After Mass All Night Adoration
Saturday 2nd Feria	10.00am	Conceicao Fernandes RIP Filipe Agostinho Carvalho RIP
	6.30pm	(Vigil) People of the Parish
Sunday 3rd December 2023—First Sunday of Advent B	8.30am	Myrna Collins-Nuttall Intentions
	10.00am	Helen Hambley RIP
	12 Noon	Margaret Edwards RIP
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass

ST ANTONY'S CHURCH FOREST GATE
Our Lord Jesus Christ the King B-26th November 2023
Youth Day

Our First Reading this week is from *Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17*: God himself will shepherd the people of Israel.

The **Responsorial Psalm** is taken from *Psalm 23*: The Lord is my shepherd. Today's **Second Reading** is from *Corinthians 15:20-26,28*: Because Christ has been raised from the dead, all those who have died will also be raised.

This Sunday's **Gospel Reading** is *Matthew 25:31-46*: Jesus teaches that when the Son of Man comes in glory, he will judge the nations, separating the sheep from the goats.

Today's Scripture Readings revolve around the Last Judgment scene of Jesus Christ coming in glory and power. It was Pope Pius XI who brought the Feast of Christ the King into the liturgy in 1925 to bring Christ as Ruler, and Christian values, back into lives of Christians, into society, and into politics. The Feast was a reminder to the totalitarian governments of Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin that Jesus Christ is the only Sovereign King. Although Emperors and Kings now exist mostly in history books, we still honor Christ as the King of the Universe by enthroning Jesus in our hearts, surrendering our lives to God. This feast challenges us to see Christ the King in everyone, especially those whom our society considers the least important, and to treat each person with the same love, mercy, and compassion Jesus showed.

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 mass at 7.30pm there will be a candle lit procession in honour of our Blessed Mother. **For those who would like to offer flowers for the bier of Our Lady please bring donations of flowers to the church on Thursday morning (7th Dec) after the morning mass. Thank you.**

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Clifton Holmes RIP—please pray for the repose of the soul of Clifton Holmes whose requiem mass will be held in St Antony's Church on Friday 1st December at 10am. Please remember his family and friends in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him may he rest in peace. Amen.

First Friday—First Friday 9.30pm Mass followed by All Night Adoration will be on **Friday 1st December 2023**

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.

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

Posada Celebration 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.

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

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

Saturday Club– Christmas Gathering — On **Saturday December 2nd**, Saint Anthony's Saturday Club will be having it's "Christmas Do" from **2pm to 4pm in St Francis's Hall.**

All senior citizens are welcome to spend an enjoyable afternoon together. As well as the usual activities like Bingo, Raffle there will be a Christmas theme to the afternoon and food served.

Come and join us for what promises to be a wonderful afternoon.

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 07807348223

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 this 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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