

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

MASS INTENTIONS 4th - 12th November 2023

Saturday 4th	6.30pm	(vigil) People of the parish
Sunday 5th November 2023—31st Sunday of the Year A	8.30am	Elisha Intentions
	10.00am	Vera Mackin RIP
	12 Noon	Selinah Onyeakazi RIP
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass
Monday 6th	7.45am	Chaty Valerio
Feria	10.00am	Evans Henry RIP John Tan RIP
Tuesday 7th Feria	7.45am	Chris Deepu Sebastian Intentions
	10.00am	Judy D'Silva Intentions Madeline Tan RIP
	8.00pm	St Anthony's Novena
Wednesday 8th Feria	7.45am	Josephine Moloney Monaghan RIP
	10.00am	Luis Arcio De Mello RIP Susa Antony Thanksgiving
Thursday 9th Dedication of Lateran Basilica	7.45am	Prudence Roderick RIP
	10.00am	Maria C Abrillo Intentions
	11.30am	Requiem Francois Cini
Friday 10th St Leo the Great	7.45am	Seamus & Mary Maughan
	10.00am	Requiem Claudette Lewis
Saturday 11th St Martin of Tours	10.00am	John Dias RIP
	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	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 First Sunday of the Year A-5th November 2023

Sanctuary Renovation Works

We are very pleased that after such a long wait, the renovation works of the sanctuary **will begin this week !**

The first part of works will last until Easter. It includes the full cleaning of the rose window in the Sanctuary, the cleaning of the large arch above the sanctuary, (still subject to approval), cleaning of the pillars, and the re-painting of the walls as well as improvement of the lighting in the sanctuary area. These are important works that will make a lot of difference. Praise the Lord !

The second part of works will consist in the restoration of reredos and reinstallation of the tabernacle in the sanctuary. These works will begin mid November but remotely : Alex Wehnam (www.alexwenham.co.uk), a reputable stone carver will work from his workshop to carve the stones, angels, and decorations. If everything goes well, the installation of the stones in the church should take place next summer.

It is very exciting to see that the works about to begin. **Thank you very much** for your continued financial support toward the building fund that makes such maintenance and beautifying of the church possible.

Thanks and glory be to God !

The scaffold will be installed this week and next week, beginning this Monday, which will cause some noise in the church between Masses and prayer times.

The scaffold should be removed before Easter.

There will be a few disruptions this week :

No adoration this week between the 7:45 and the 10am Mass, But there will be Eucharistic Adoration as usual in the evening from 6pm to 7pm.

On Monday 6th November, the church will be open only for Masses, and closed to the public the rest of the day.

Mass for the Deceased of the Parish

Dear Friends, on **Wednesday November 8th** there will be a **Mass at 7:30pm** to pray for all those who have passed away in the parish, especially in the last 12 months. A display board will be placed near the sanctuary and we will be inviting all those attending to post images of their loved ones and during the mass we will offer up our prayers for the repose of the souls of our faithful departed.

Friends of St Antony (FSA) Mass will be celebrated at Westgate Care Home on 7th November at 11am. All are welcome.

Fr John's next surgery for anyone who like to meet with him will be on Tuesday 7th 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:

Tuesday 7th November 2023 5pm-6pm

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

We pray for the repose of the soul of:

Francois Cini RIP, requiem Mass will be in St Antony's Church on **Thursday 9th November at 11.30am**

Claudette Lewis RIP, requiem Mass will be in St Antony's Church on **Friday 10th 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.

St Patrick's Cemetery - Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL, on Monday 13th November at 11.30.am

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.

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Prayer for the Faithful Departed

“God of infinite mercy, we entrust to your immense goodness all those who have left this world for eternity, where you wait for all humanity, redeemed by the precious blood of Christ your Son, who died as a ransom for our sins. Look not, O Lord, on our poverty, our suffering, our human weakness, when we appear before you to be judged for joy or for condemnation. Look upon us with mercy, born of the tenderness of your heart, and help us to walk in the ways of complete purification. Let none of your children be lost in the eternal fire, where there can be no repentance. We entrust to you, O Lord, the souls of our beloved dead, of those who have died without the comfort of the sacraments, or who have not had an opportunity to repent, even at the end of their lives. May none of them be afraid to meet You, after their earthly pilgrimage, but may they always hope to be welcomed in the embrace of your infinite mercy. May our Sister, corporal death find us always vigilant in prayer and filled with the goodness done in the course of our short or long lives. Lord, may no earthly thing ever separate us from You, but may everyone and everything support us with a burning desire to rest peacefully and eternally in You. Amen” (Fr Antonio Rungi, Passionist, Prayer for the Dead).

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.

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Thank you for your continued support

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- **Donations can be made parish web-site www.stantonysforestgate.com**
- **Payment direct into the parish bank account using online banking**
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