

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

MASS INTENTIONS 9th –17th December 2023

Saturday 9th	6.30pm	(vigil) Rita Rajakariar RIP
Sunday 10th December 2023—Second Sunday of Advent B	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Edith Obi & Family Thanksgiving
	12 Noon	Bill, Joan & Mark Bennett RIP
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass
Monday 11th	7.45am	Laura Intentions
Feria	10.00am	Francis & Concy Rosario Intentions Anissa Fernandes Intentions
Tuesday 12th Feria	7.45am	John, Helen, Dina Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Bernadette Smith John Tan RIP
	8.00pm	St Anthony's Novena
Wednesday 13th St Lucy	7.45am	Joseph & Angela Bennici
	10.00am	Rubin D'Souza RIP Maria Louisa Fletcher RIP
Thursday 14th St John the Cross	7.45am	Madeline Tan RIP
	10.00am	Pauline Reay RIP John Joe Flanigan RIP
Friday 15th Feria	7.45am	Ursuline Sisters Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Parishioners Intentions Kai John Cunningham Intentions
	7.30pm	St Antony's Posada
Saturday 16th—Feria	10.00am	Carmen Francis Intentions
	6.30pm	(Vigil) Pauline Reay RIP
Sunday 17th December 2023—Third Sunday of Advent B Gaudete Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Segrid Ayers Jnr RIP
	12 Noon	Mario Pinto
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	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
Second Sunday of Advent B - 10th December 2023

Our First Reading this Sunday is from Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11: Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.

The **Responsorial Psalm** is from *Psalm 85:* The Lord's salvation is near.

The **Second Reading this week is taken from 2 Peter 3:8-14:** Peter teaches that we must always be holy because the return of the Lord cannot be predicted.

Our Gospel Reading this Sunday is from Mark 1:1-8: John the Baptist preached repentance and baptized the people, in preparation for the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Decorating the Church for Christmas - 15th December 2023

We shall be decorating the church for Christmas on **Friday 15th December after the 10am Mass**. If you can spare any time to help, please stay behind after Mass.
'Many hands make light work'. Thank you.

Posada Celebration on Friday 15th at 7:30pm, 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.**

Blessing of the Bambinelli (Baby Jesus) - On the **3rd Sunday of Advent (December 17th)** we will be having the traditional Blessing of the Bambinelli. If you would like the baby Jesus that you will be putting in your crib at your home blessed, please bring it to mass on Sunday December 19th. At each mass the priest will bless the statues.

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Registration for Confirmation in 2024

Applications are now being accepted for teenagers who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation at the parish in 2024. The application form is available at this link: <https://stantonys.churchsuite.com/forms/djmh98dt>



Or by scanning this QR code:

Candidates must have a date of birth between 20th May 2006 and 18th May 2010.

Please note, you must have the applicant's baptismal certificate ready to upload as part of the application process.

The deposit payment of £80 will be due in January at the first parents' meeting.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact Catherine Wallis-Hughes on stantonysyouthproject@gmail.com or 07807348223.

Please text/WhatsApp or leave a message rather than calling, if possible.

Registrations will close on 6th January 2024.

We will not be accepting any applications after this date.

The next Baptismal Preparation Course

Will be on **Saturday 13th January 2024** 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.

Sahara Desert Retreat in Morocco, 26 February – 11 March 2024

Including a day visiting Marrakesh and 9 full days in the Desert. With Fr Arnaud and Deacon Vladimir from St Antony's in Forest Gate. Designed for young adults, open to all adults able to hike 4 - 6 hours a day for 9 full days in the desert. £952 (plus flight). www.desert-retreat.com or phone Catherine at 07807 348223.

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Thank you for your continued support

- online donations link: <https://stream.seccomgroup.com/donations/saop>
- Donations can be made parish web-site www.stantonysforestgate.com
- Payment direct into the parish bank account using online banking
- **QR Codes available around the church**
- **Contactless using QR Codes located around the Church**

Legion of Mary—Legion of Mary would like to thank everyone who donated money and supported the cake/plant sale. They raised £100 for the St Antony Building Fund

2023 Parish Dates for Advent and Christmas

Friday 15 th	7:30pm St Antony's Posada
Sunday 17 th	Blessing of the Bambinelli at all Masses 5:30pm Organ concert by Austrian musician Matthias Mueller
Monday 18 th	1:30pm St Antony's School Christmas Concert
Saturday 23 rd	Confessions 10:30am to 1pm
Sunday December 24 th	Usual Sunday morning Masses 6:30pm Children's Christmas Mass
4th Sunday of Advent	9:30pm to 11:15pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11:30pm Carol Singing Midnight Mass
Monday December 25 th - Christmas Day	Usual Sunday morning Mass Times THERE WILL BE NO 7.30PM MASS
Tuesday December 26 th - St Stephen's Day	No 7.45am Mass 10:30am St Stephen's Day Mass (Altar Servers Mass)
Wednesday December 27 th - St John	No 7.45am Mass 11:30am Mass for the Feast of St John 12:45 Gathering in St Clare's Hall (please bring along food to share)
December 28 th to January 1 st	There will be no daily 7:45am mass, with one daily mass at 10:30am
Sunday December 31 st - Feast of the Holy Family	Usual Sunday Mass Times 7:30pm Mass will be a Mass with the Sunday readings and prayers for New Year Midnight mass in Tamil
Monday January 1 st	10:30am mass
Tuesday January 2 nd	Back to usual daily mass times

Newham Deanery Day of Recollection: 'The New Year: Praying for Peace with Our Lady to be held at **Our Lady of Compassion Church, Upton Park E13 9BF**, on **Saturday 30 December 2023**, beginning with Mass at 9.15am and ending with **Benediction at 3pm**. Father Stewart Foster will give the reflections. **Please bring a packed lunch.**