

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

*MASS INTENTIONS 13th January - 21st January 2024*

<b>Saturday 13th January 2024</b>	6.30pm	(vigil) People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 14th January 2024 Second Sunday of the Year B Peace Sunday</b>	8.30am	Pauline Reay & Bernie Boroganah RIP
	10.00am	Patrick Harrington RIP
	12 Noon	Henderson Angelose RIP
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass
<b>Monday 15th January 2024 Feria</b>	7.45am	Kathleen Wilson Intentions
	10.00am	Josie Bloomfield Intentions
	4.30pm	Reception of Body Mrs Ann Henry
<b>Tuesday 16th Feria</b>	7.45am	Private Intentions-Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Requiem Mrs Ann Henry
	<b>8.00pm</b>	St Anthony's Novena
<b>Wednesday 17th St Antony, Ab</b>	7.45am	Owen Maughan Intentions
	10.00am	Jerry Rilley Intentions
<b>Thursday 18th Feria</b>	7.45am	Carmina Fernandes
	10.00am	Merlyn Seymour RIP
<b>Friday 19th Feria</b>	7.45am	John Tan RIP
	10.00am	Maria Libia Afonso RIP
<b>Saturday 20th Feria Feria</b>	10.00am	Margaret Nolan RIP
	6.30pm	(Vigil) James Kerins RIP
<b>Sunday 21st January 2024 Third Sunday of the Year B</b>	8.30am	People of Parish
	10.00am	Vincia Culzac RIP
	12 Noon	Robert Baxter Intentions
	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 the Year B—14th January 2024**  
**Peace Sunday**

**Our First Reading** this week is from **1 Samuel 3:3b–10,19**: The Lord calls Samuel. The **Responsorial Psalm** is from **Psalm 40**: A prayer of commitment to follow the will of the Lord. Today's **Second Reading** is taken from **1 Corinthians 6:13–15,17–20**: Paul reminds the Corinthians that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.. This Sunday's **Gospel Reading** is **John 1:35–42**: John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Jesus receives his first followers.

Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist. We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

**Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver**

We welcome to the parish next weekend the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver to appeal on behalf of the Sisters Mission Committee of England and Wales. They will tell us about their missionary work and will be grateful for your support.

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### **Sunday of the Word of God**

Dear friends, on **Sunday September 21**, the Sunday of the Word of God, we will be gathering “in person” to do our Bible Study. It will be at **2pm in St Clare’s Hall** just after the Sunday Coffee and Tea gathering after mass. That day Father John will develop a theme from the Bible on; **The 7 Churches of the Book of Revelation**.

Also, we ask that all those who join us in person that day to come ready to share; *what is your favourite passage in the Bible and why?*

### **Sunday Bible Study – Mary in the Bible with Brant Pitre**

Our Sunday Online Bible Study will be starting up on Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup> and this semester’s theme will be Mary in the Bible with Brant Pitre. Dr Brant Pitre is an amazing Scripture scholar and everyone who has done any courses with him have always enjoyed it immensely. The online classes will be via Zoom (Link will be posted) and streamed every Sunday at 4pm.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/72104785609>

### **Know Your Faith online Formation from Friday January 26th**

Our weekly faith online Formation night will be starting up very soon. Every Friday night from Friday January 26th we will be gathering to deepen, share and study important aspects of our faith. The online gathering begins at 7:30pm.

The subject this semester on *Know Your Faith* will be on **How to Pray**. A study designed to help us cultivate a rich and lasting prayer life.

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### **Lent 2024 - Men’s Exodus Lenten Journey 2024**

I invite all the men of the parish to join us on our Lenten effort this year.

We will gather on Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> for a *last hurrah*, before the great Lenten journey together begins and then every Saturday morning during Lent we will gather to share and pray together. More details will follow,

#### **The main disciplines include;**

*Daily time of Prayer and Spiritual reading*

*Fasting and abstinence on Wednesdays and Fridays*

*Cutting back on internet and mobile phone and TV use*

*No Alcohol*

*No sweets/ desserts*

*Physical exercise and healthier life style (Don’t worry, no cold showers this time around)*

*Weekly fraternity meeting*

### **The FIAT 40 Challenge – Lenten Effort for Catholic Women 2024**

Calling all the women of the parish, if you would like to make your Lenten journey more meaningful.

#### **The Three Elements of Fiat 40**

Accepting the challenge of Fiat 40 means a commitment to these three challenges throughout the season of Lent;

**PRAYER - Drawing Closer to Christ**

**ASCETICISM - Self Discipline**

**SISTERHOOD - Companions on the Journey**

**The pre-Lenten gathering will be on Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm here at the parish.** On that evening Sister Emelda will explain what this journey is all about. If you are interested in being part of this please let sister Emelda or Fr John know. I hope you can join us on this journey.

**Mrs Ann Henry RIP** remains will be brought into St Antony’s Church on **Monday January 15<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30pm.

The funeral service will take place on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am** followed by interment at St Patrick’s Cemetery. Requesce in pace.

**Jerome Anekwe RIP** Long time parishioner Jerome Anekwe has sadly passed away on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Jerome and his wife Justina have attended and served our parish community since they first moved to Forest Gate. We pray for the repose of his soul and that the good Lord may console and strengthen his family in this sad time. Details of his requiem mass will be posted in the newsletter once we have more details. May he rest in peace.

**Repository Raffle—thank you to all those who supported the Holy Shop Christmas Raffle £165 was raised: £65 church funds / £100 building fund.**

***Fr John’s next surgery for anyone who like to meet with him will be on Tuesday 16th January 2024 - 4pm-5pm.***

**Peace Sunday—14th January 2024**-There will be a second collection this weekend for the work of Pax Christi. **“Sharing the Peace of Christ with our world.”**

**"Blessed are the Peace-makers"**

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