

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

MASS INTENTIONS -10th - 18th February 2024

Saturday 10th Feb 2024	6.30pm	(vigil) Mrs Ann Henry RIP
Sunday 11th Feb 2024 Sixth Sunday of the Year B World Day for the Sick, & Day of Prayer for the Unemployed	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	The Gately Family Intentions
	12 Noon	Gertrude Augustine RIP
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass
Monday 12th Feria	7.45am	Seamus Walsh Intentions Marwyn Ramkumar
	10.00am	Devassy RIP
Tuesday 13th Feria	7.45am	Seamus, Mary & Family
	10.00am	Doris Tucker & Margaret Antony RIP Maria Louisa Fletcher RIP
	8.00pm	St Anthony's Novena
ASH WEDNESDAY 14th Today is a day of fasting & abstinence	7.45am	Daniel E
	10.00am	Pauline Reay RIP Charles RIP
	7.30pm	Mrs Henry RIP
Thursday after Ash Wednesday 15th	7.45am	John Tan RIP Sylvester Reay Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Requiem Stephen Baptiste
Friday after Ash Wednesday 16th	7.45am	In thanksgiving Doug Hunter RIP (F)
	10.00am	Pat Agbo Thanksgiving
Saturday after Ash Wednesday 17th	10.00am	Requiem Augusta Hodges
	6.30pm	(Vigil) People of the Parish
Sunday 18th Feb 2024 First Sunday of Lent B	8.30am	Alice Simpson RIP
	10.00am	The Garvey Family Intentions
	12 Noon	Bradley Olufowobi Intentions
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass

ST ANTONY'S CHURCH FOREST GATE
Sixth Sunday of the Year B—11th February 2024
World Day for the Sick, & Day of Prayer for the Unemployed

Father John's Sabbatical

Dear friends, I have very happily served as Parish Priest at St Antony's for almost 11 years now (time flies!) and recently I confirmed with the brothers that I will be taking a Sabbatical from June 2024. After St Antony's Day (June 13th) I will be away from the parish for a year and back the following summer.

Last year with my superiors we were discerning what my future should be at St Antony's. I was asked to continue on as parish priest and I was of course very happy with that but under one condition that I have a break before I start off another stint, (who knows maybe another 10 years! If God give me life, health and strength).

A sabbatical is a period spiritual renewal, study and retreat. The year will be divided up into long periods of silent retreat, study/formation, rest and time with family in Ireland and some pastoral experiences. So a time of reflection and regeneration of body and spirit in view of coming back stronger to serve St Antony's Parish.

Our First Reading this week is taken from Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46: The Law regarding leprosy is given to Moses and Aaron. Our **Responsorial Psalm** is from **Psalm 32:** A prayer of contrition and confession for sin. This week's **Second Reading** is from **1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1:** Paul urges the Corinthians to imitate him as he imitates Christ. This Sunday's **Gospel Reading** is **Mark 1:40-45:** Jesus cures a person with leprosy, who reports his cure to everyone.

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Fr John Jesus Surgery - If you would like to meet with Fr John Jesus his

Next surgery will be on Tuesday 13th February 2024 - 4pm-5pm.

Friends of St Antony (FSA) - mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday 13th February at Westgate House, 11.30am.** All are welcome.

CAN YOU HELP? - Does anyone have a wheelchair they are not using and would be willing to give to the Church. We did have a wheelchair but someone borrowed it and it has not been returned. Thank you, if you can help please let Fr John Jesus know.

The Book of Revelation with Brother Olivier - One of the most mysterious books in the Bible, the book of Revelation is not an easy book to read yet it is such a key and central part in understanding our faith. Brother Olivier invites you to read a chapter together **every Saturday evening at 7:30pm.**

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 13th 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.

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 13th at the Redhouse** 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

Ash Wednesday 2024

Dear friends, our Lenten journey is about to begin and I pray this year's Lenten season be a blessed and fruitful one for each and every one of you. Our Lenten efforts begin, as every year, on Ash Wednesday (February 14th) with a day of prayer and fasting. At each of the masses that day the traditional ashes will be distributed; **The Mass times being; 7:45am, 10am and 7:30pm.** May the Lord bless you in this season of spiritual renewal and conversion.

The next Baptismal Preparation Course—Will be on Saturday 17th February 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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Stephen Baptiste – Requiem Mass will be in St Antony's Church on **Thursday 15th February at 10am.**

Augusta Hodges RIP— Requiem Mass will be in St Antony's Church on **Saturday 17th February at 10am.**

Please pray for their family and friends. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them may they rest in peace. Amen.

Diocesan Lourdes Fund. There will be a collection this weekend for Diocesan Lourdes Fund. This fund has enabled us to subsidize nurses, doctors, and helpers so that we have the team we need to support all our pilgrims, especially our assisted pilgrims. The Fund also allows us to fund pilgrims, who otherwise would not be able to join the pilgrimage.

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