

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

MASS INTENTIONS -17th - 25th February 2024

Saturday 17th Feb 2024	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	Mr & Mrs Alfred Thanksgiving
Monday of the First Week of Lent 19th	7.45am	Charles RIP Mike Fennings RIP
	10.00am	Requiem Annamma Manuel
Tuesday of the First Week of Lent 20th	7.45am	Tee Chang RIP
	10.00am	Stephen Anishton Family Thanksgvng Mrs Ann Henry RIP
	8.00pm	St Anthony's Novena
Wednesday of the First Week of Lent 21st	7.45am	Donald AnthonyThanksgvng
	10.00am	Seamus, Mary & Family
Chair of St Peter the Apostle 22nd	7.45am	Madeline Tan RIP
	10.00am	Zeferino Victor Carvalho RIP
Friday of the First Week of Lent 23rd Lent Fast Day	7.45am	Ethel Maud Perry (F)
	10.00am	Bella & Victor Castelino RIP Lloyd Fernando RIP
	7.30pm	Stations of theCross
Saturday of the First Week of Lent 24th	10.00am	Alfonso Calaycay RIP Theresa Labadie RIP
	6.30pm	(Vigil) Bridget Hehir RIP
Sunday 25th Feb 2024 Second Sunday of Lent B	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Monica Chikezie/Nwosu & Family Thanksgiving
	12 Noon	Kylian Kovassi & Family Thanksgiving
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	4.30pm	Tamil Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass

ST ANTONY'S CHURCH FOREST GATE
First Sunday of Lent B—18th February 2024

Our First Reading this week is from *Genesis 9:8-15*: God establishes a covenant with Noah, giving a rainbow as its sign. The **Responsorial Psalm** is from *Psalms 25*: A prayer praising God for his covenant. The **Second Reading today is 1 Peter 3:18-22**: In our baptism, we are saved through Christ's death and Resurrection. This Sunday's **Gospel Reading is Mark 1:12-15**: Jesus is tempted in the desert by Satan.

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

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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 20th February 2024 - 4pm-5pm.**

PARISH GIFT AID SCHEME

We are fast approaching the end of the tax year and will be issuing new Gift Aid boxes very soon.

Many parishioners now donate using online/Standing Order/contactless, if you no longer use your gift aid envelopes we will be issuing you with a new number, which does not require envelopes.

If you are a member of the Parish Gift Aid Scheme and

- You no longer pay tax please contact the parish office, so we can amend our records.
- You must be a UK tax payer to be a member of the Parish Gift Aid Scheme, and for the parish to claim back tax on gift aid donations.
- If any of your contact details have changed, ie name, address, telephone number, please contact the parish office.

PLEASE let the parish office know immediately if anything changes it is very important that the information we hold on our records are correct and up to date.

Email: forestgate@brcdt.org Thank you

STANDING ORDERS

We have a number of donations paid to the parish by standing order, who are not members of parish gift aid scheme. If you pay by standing order and you are a UK tax payer, please consider joining the parish gift aid scheme, for every £1 donated we can claim back 25p. If you do make your donations via Standing order, and are a UK tax payer and would like to join the parish Gift Aid Scheme please contact the parish office: forestgate@brcdt.org Thank you

Maranatha On Thursday 22nd February Fr. Paschal Uche will be celebrating Mass followed by Prayer and Praise at 7-9pm at the Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX. All welcome.

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

The next Baptismal Preparation Course—Will be on Saturday 16th March 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:

Annamma Manuel – Requiem Mass will be in St Antony's Church on **Monday 19th February at 10am.**

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

THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD -

School Chaplain - Start: ASAP - Closing Date: noon, Friday 23rd February 2024.

For further information please visit: [//uai.org.uk/vacancies](http://uai.org.uk/vacancies)

Volunteer at the St John Bosco Children's Camp; from 27th July – 3rd August help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check, and appropriate training. To help at the Bosco Camp is a wonderful experience, and now is the time to apply. Details: www.boscocamp.co.uk

**On CAFOD's Family Fast Day next Friday, 23 February, we're invited to
" Eat a simple meal that others may simply Live."**

Envelopes available at the back of the church TODAY.

Lent Fast Day - There will be a second collection next weekend 24th/25th February.

Thousands of women and men around the world face the same question: without a way of getting enough food throughout the year, how do you make sure your family can eat today and tomorrow?

Your urgent support for CAFOD's Lent Appeal can help hardworking people get the tools they need to feed their families for good.

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- Donations can be made parish web-site www.stantonysforestgate.com
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