

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

MASS INTENTIONS -24th February - 3rd March 2024

Saturday 24th Feb 2024	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 7.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour Mass
Monday of the Second- Week of Lent 26th	7.45am	Stanley & Elizabeth Taylor, Eva Packwood & Charlie Taylor (F)
	10.00am	Aron, Amanda & Family
Tuesday of the Second- Week of Lent 27th	7.45am	John, Helen Dina Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Hazel Ayers Thanksgiving Rachel Lang RIP
	8.00pm	St Anthony's Novena
Wednesday of the Second- Week of Lent 28th	7.45am	Nathaniel Charles RIP
	10.00am	John Maughan RIP
Thursday of the Second Week of Lent 29th	7.45am	John Tan RIP
	10.00am	Ishmael Turay Thanksgiving Mary Hunt
Friday 1st March St David Women's World Day of Prayer	7.45am	Prudence Roderick RIP Kathleen McDonough RIP
	10.00am	Requiem: Phillip Faisal
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
	9.30pm	Sacred Heart Confraternity
Saturday of the Second- Week of Lent 2nd	10.00am	Inacinha Rodrigues Lukhezo Terence, Elizabeth & Family Intentions
	6.30pm	(Vigil) People of the Parish
Sunday 3rd March 2024 Third Sunday of Lent B	8.30am	Elizabeth Janssen RIP
	10.00am	Mary Hunt
	12 Noon	In Thanksgiving
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass

ST ANTONY'S CHURCH FOREST GATE
Second Sunday of Lent B—25th February 2024

Reading I: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18: Psalm: Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

Reading II: Romans 8:31b-34 Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Overall Theme: The readings for this Sunday present how God's glory is revealed through the paradox of sacrificial love.

Summary of the Readings:

First reading: The first reading presents the calvary of the Old Testament, as Isaac typologically points to Christ who carries the wood to the mountaintop and freely offers himself to the Father. The Father's oath to Abraham of a great name, nation, and universal blessing points to John 3:16 where it will be fulfilled through Jesus.

Psalm: The psalmist seems to speak in the person of Isaac as he thanks God for loosening him from the bonds of being sacrificed. He speaks of giving an offering of thanksgiving which is the Greek word *Eucharistia*.

Second reading: St. Paul deploys theological themes that assure us of God's love. The Father holds nothing back from us, even sacrificing His only begotten Son for our sake.

Gospel: The Transfiguration foreshadows the glory of Jesus on the Cross and points to Calvary as the true goal. While prefiguring His Passion, the Transfiguration also expresses the reality of our bodily resurrection at the end of time. Moses and Elijah symbolize the Law and the Prophets and how they are fulfilled in Jesus, who reveals the Father.

Practical Application: These readings call us not to shrink from our Lenten resolutions but to lean into them. Be enlivened by Christ's self-gift that reveals the Father's unwavering love for you. Let this be the consolation of your heart in times of temptation or anxiety.

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Friends of St Antony's (FSA)

There will be a FSA meeting on **Tuesday 27th February at 10.30am**

St Antony's Saturday Club—the Saturday Club will be on **Saturday 2nd March 2024, from 2pm-4pm**. The Saturday Club runs on a monthly basis and it is designed to offer the senior citizens of our parish a place to gather, have a cuppa and a sandwich, catch up and enjoy themselves for a few hours on a Saturday afternoon.

First Friday—First Friday 9.30pm Mass followed by All Night Adoration will be on **Friday 1st March 2024**

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.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be hosting a very special Anniversary Afternoon Tea at the Roslin Beach Hotel, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea on **Tuesday 23rd April 2024** at 1pm for service at 1.30pm. They are delighted that Bishop Alan, BCCS President, will be attending as guest of honour. Tickets for the event are £34.00 per person and should be purchased before Monday 8th April directly from their event webpage: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/ Once you have purchased your tickets, please advise Julie of any special dietary requirements or seating requests by contacting her by email jabbott@bccs.org.uk . Guests will be seated at tables of 12.

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

There are various job opportunities throughout the Diocese for more information visit: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

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

CALLING ALL MEN

St Antony's School invite all men of St Antony's School and the wider community to come together, to **"break the silence and get talking about you"**! Expect food, fellowship, good vibes, sharing and collaboration on **Monday 4th March 2024 at St Antony's School Hall at 6.30pm**. For full details see the poster at the back of the church.

Phillip Faisal RIP – Please pray for the repose of the soul of Phillip Faisal, Requiem Mass will be in **St Antony's Church on Friday 1st March at 10am**. *Please pray for his family and friends. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him may she rest in peace. Amen.*

STANDING ORDERS

We have many parishioners donating to the parish by Standing Order, if you make your donations to the parish by standing order and you are a UK taxpayer, why not consider joining the parish gift aid scheme? Please contact the parish office forestgate@brcdt.org for more information.
For every £1 donated through parish gift aid we can claim back 25p tax at no extra cost to you.

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.**

Lent Fast Day –Family Fast

There will be a second collection this weekend 24th/25th February.

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- 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