

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

*MASS INTENTIONS 16th –24th March 2024*

<b>Saturday 16th March 2024</b>	6.30pm	(vigil) People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 17th March 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent B</b>	8.30am	Cecil Loader RIP
	10.00am	Caroline Francis RIP
	12 Noon	John, Anthony, Joan & Maria Bennett Intentions
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm 7.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour Jennifer Kane & Sharon Reid RIP
<b>Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent 18th</b>	7.45am	Major Reginald Perry (F)
	10.00am	Herman Freeman & George Wills RIP
<b>St Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary 19th</b>	7.45am	Brothers of St John Intentions
	10.00am	Collins Obi Thanksgiving Luis Arecio De Mello RIP
	<b>8.00pm</b>	St Anthony's Novena
<b>Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent 20th</b>	7.45am	John Tan RIP
	10.00am	Moshe Keturah & Sole Amole Owen C Maughan Intentions
<b>Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent 21st</b>	7.45am	Miles LueQuee Thanksgiving
	10.00am	The Gaudoin Family Intentions Anthea Rambayon Escobar Thanksgiving
<b>Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent 22nd</b>	7.45am	Sr Matilda Immanuel SJT RIP
	10.00am	Segrid & Hazel Ayers Thanksgiving Seamus, Mary & Family Intentions
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent 23rd</b>	10.00am	Requiem Ruben Romero
	6.30pm	(Vigil) People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 24th March 2024 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  (12 noon mass; Procession starts in the Friary Lawn)</b>	8.30am	Roland Gaudoin & Philip Rosario RIP
	10.00am	Michael Harrick RIP
	12 Noon	Bill, Joan & Mark Bennett RIP
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	4.30pm	Tamil Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass

***ST ANTONY'S CHURCH FOREST GATE***

*Fifth Sunday of Lent B—17th March 2024*

**Reading I: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**Psalm: Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15**

**Reading II: Hebrews 5:7-9**

**Gospel: John 12:20-33**

**Overall Theme:** The readings convey hope in the promise of the New Covenant. The theme is the great paradox of the Gospel, the Good News that through suffering in love we may obtain eternal life.

**Summary of the Readings:**

**First reading:** God promises to establish a new covenant with the divided tribes of Judah and Israel. The prophecy reflects on their history of covenant breaches, that transitioned their spousal relationship with God to a master-servant dynamic. There is an undertone of God's sorrow within the text due to the rejection of His intimacy by the people of God.

**Psalm:** The great penitential psalm of David furthers the theme of the New Covenant, by the promise of the Spirit resulting in a new creation of the heart. Furthermore, this indicates the role of the Holy Spirit as the embodiment of the New Law in the New Covenant.

**Second reading:** We are challenged by the idea that the incarnate Lord could learn anything or be made more perfect, however, though He was a perfect man, through His willingness to suffer and die, He learns a form of perfect human obedience that divinizes His own humanity.

**Gospel:** In the Gospel we hear about how the Greeks are seeking Jesus. This is a sign that His time is drawing near. Jesus alludes to His glorification taking place on the cross, not where He is judged but where He will judge the world. God's supreme life-giving love redeems the world. Jesus makes His life a gift of love that produces life in our souls.

**Practical Application:** We are called to emulate Jesus by learning obedience through our suffering. This increases our trust and love of the Lord. Though this can be challenging, we must remember that we are not saved despite our sufferings, but through them, in union with Christ's perfect offering.

**Readings at 12 Noon Mass**

Dear friends, because of the scrutinies for those preparing for baptism this Easter, at 12-noon mass for the next 2 Sundays will have special readings, different to the ones in your leaflets for the other Sunday Masses.

They are **Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 129; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45**

**The next Baptismal Preparation Course—Will be on Saturday 13th April 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.

**‘BISHOP ALAN LISTENS’ RESEARCH REPORT -**

**Understanding why Catholics in the Diocese of Brentwood no longer come to Church**

Last summer Bishop Alan invited Catholics who no longer regularly come to Church to get in touch so that he could seriously listen to their stories and experiences and begin to understand why so many Catholics no longer feel as though they belong in the Church.

This report presents a moving and challenging insight into how our Church and the covid-19 pandemic have contributed to a movement away from a regular practice of faith for many Catholics and offers our Church a rich repository of wisdom that might enhance and inform our ongoing journey of renewal in the diocese.

Thank you to all those who so generously and thoughtfully participated in this research. Please share this link/report with those whom you know have participated in this research. Go to the home page of <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/> to see the responses of hundreds of Catholics across our diocese and hear what Bishop Alan heard.

**St Angela’s Ursuline - School Support Staff Vacancies** - St Angela’s are looking to fill the following vacancies. You should consider these posts if you are a committed and self-motivated team player with a can-do attitude, who is solution focused and passionate about making a difference.

**Sixth Form Admin Assistant** - School admin member of staff who will work alongside the Office Manager, to support in the daily running of the school office, sixth form and all school events.

**Reprographics Technician** - Reprographics technician to be responsible for providing a high quality, wide ranging reprographic service to the school.

**Exam Invigilators** - Casual exam invigilators for both public and internal exam periods. Full training is available.

To discuss any of the vacancies or request an application pack, please contact Miss F Murphy on vacancies@stangelas-ursuline.co.uk. Closing dates 10th April 2024.

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***‘The Iniquity Of Us All’ - premiered by the St Antony’s Gospel Choir***

Dear Brothers and Sisters, This year, on Good Friday our St Antony’s Gospel Choir will deliver at the world premiere a new work ***‘The Iniquity Of Us All’*** - a set of musical meditations based on the Stations Of The Cross. Composed by our resident music director Nathan Chan to scripture curated by Fr Philip-Thomas, this work draws us closer into Christ’s journey towards the cross and deeper into his passion.

Here is a link to demo recordings:

<https://soundcloud.com/masterchanmusic/sets/the-iniquity-of-us-all>

The performance will take place at 2:15pm, before our usual Good Friday service at 3pm. Do ensure to arrive early as seating will be limited. May I encourage you all to join us for the premiere of this inspirational music at our parish this Easter.

***ST PATRICK’S DAY—St Patrick’s Day event at St Antony’s Club (Red House) on Sunday 17th March from 1pm.***  
*Live music and food available. Free admission*

**Ruben Romero RIP**—Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ruben Romero who died recently. His requiem mass will be held in St Antony’s on **Saturday 23rd March at 10am**. Please remember his family and friends in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him may he rest in peace. Amen

**Parish Gift Aid Envelopes**— The Gift Aid envelopes for the new tax year commencing 7th April 2024 will be available for collection next weekend. If you are no longer a UK tax payer or any of your details have changed (ie, name, address, telephone number) please contact the parish office as soon as possible so we can update our records, email: [forestgate@brcdt.org](mailto:forestgate@brcdt.org). **PLEASE NOTE some box numbers have changed so only take the box printed with your name. Thank you.**

**Learning Support Assistant—Cover Supervisor—Classroom Practitioner (HLTA Level)** Exciting opportunities to work at **St Bonaventure’s School**, supporting boys in various ways with their learning. For more information please see <https://www.stbons.org/workwithus/> - Closing Date: 11th April 2024, at 12 noon.

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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.