

MASS INTENTIONS 23rd–31st March 2024

Saturday 23rd March 2024	6.30pm	(vigil) People of the Parish
Sunday 24th March 2024 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (12 noon mass; Procession starts in the Friary Lawn)	8.30am 10.00am 12 Noon 3.00pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Roland Gaudoin & Philip Rosario RIP Michael Harrick RIP Bill, Joan & Mark Bennett RIP Spanish Mas Solemn Holy Hour Mass
Monday of Holy Week 25th	7.45am	Graciana Rodrigues & Owen C Maughan Ints
	10.00am	Dee Hussain
	4.00pm	Goan Konkoni Stations of the Cross
Tuesday of Holy Week 26th	7.45am	John, Helen, Dina Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Talty Family Intentions & Una Maughan Ints
	8.00pm	St Anthony's Novena
Wednesday of Holy Week 27th	7.45am	Marie Magaron RIP
	10.00am	NO MASS—Chrism Mass Brentwood 11am
Thursday of Holy Week Maundy Thursday 28th 8pm Solemn Mass of the Last Supper-	7.45am & 10am	NO MASS
	8.00pm	Carmen Gauci RIP Procession to the Altar of Repose Prayer vigil until midnight
Good Friday 29th	10.00am	Children's Way of the cross
	12 Noon	Walk of witness (from Wanstead Flats- finishing at Ursulines Convent)
Friday of the Passion of the Lord Today is a day of fasting & abstinence	2:15pm	'The Iniquity of Us All'
	3.00pm	Office of the Passion (followed by Confessions)
	5.30pm	Spanish Office of the Cross
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross and Confessions
	8.30pm	Office of Tenebrae
	Holy Saturday 30th	9am to 12 Noon
11.00am		Rehearsal for catechumens
12 Noon		Polish Blessing of food
4.00pm		Tamil Mass
8.00pm		Tony Fernandes Thanksgiving Michael, Matilda Harrick & Leslie Dench RIP
EASTER VIGIL		
Sunday 31st March 2024 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	8.30am	Cecilia Evans Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Monica Chikezie/Nwosu & Family Thanksgiving
	12 Noon	Segrid Ayers Thanksgiving
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	People of the Parish

ST ANTONY'S CHURCH FOREST GATE
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion—24th March 2024

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm: Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

Overall Theme: Palm Sunday encapsulates both the triumph and sacrifice of Christ's journey to the cross, as he is hailed as king by adoring crowds yet foresees his impending suffering and death. This paradox invites us to contemplate the profound love and obedience of Jesus, urging us to embrace the cross as the pathway to redemption and eternal victory.

Summary of the Readings:

First reading: The passage from Isaiah portrays the suffering servant, who willingly endures persecution and humiliation for the sake of God's mission. Despite facing adversity, the servant remains steadfast and faithful, trusting in God's deliverance.

Psalm: Psalm 22 is a lamentation that poignantly expresses the anguish and distress of the psalmist. Yet, amidst the suffering, there is a profound trust in God's presence and deliverance. The psalm serves as a prayer of hope and assurance in the midst of despair.

Second reading: In this passage, Paul reflects on the self-emptying love of Christ, who, though he was in the form of God, emptied himself and took on the form of a servant, obedient even to death on a cross. Through his humility and obedience, Christ is exalted and given the name above every name.

Gospel: The extended reading from Mark's Gospel encompasses the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and death. It begins with the plot against Jesus by the chief priests and Judas' betrayal, leading to the Last Supper, Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, and his trials before the religious and political authorities. The narrative culminates in Jesus' crucifixion, death, and burial.

Practical Application: Reflect deeply on Christ's sacrifice and love as portrayed in the Palm Sunday readings. Actively seek ways to embody Christ's compassion through acts of service, forgiveness, and reconciliation in your community. Approach the Eucharist with reverence and participate fully in Holy Week rituals, allowing these practices to deepen your understanding of Christ's passion and its significance in your life.

GIFT AID BOXES

The new Gift Aid boxes commencing 7th April 2024 are now available at the back of the church. Please kindly collect your box as soon as possible.

Please note some numbers have changed as we had to reduce the number of boxes, so please look for the box with your name.

If there are any queries please contact the parish office on forestgate@brcdt.org.

Holy Week 2024

Monday 25th

- Morning masses at usual times
- **4pm—Goan Konkoni Stations of the Cross**

Tuesday 26th

- Morning masses at usual times

Wednesday 27th

- Morning mass at 7:45am (No 10am mass that morning)
- (Chrim Mass at 11am in Brentwood)

Holy Thursday 28th

- No morning masses
- 8pm Solemn Mass of the Last Supper
- Procession to the Altar of Repose
- Prayer vigil until midnight

Good Friday 29th

- 10am Children's Way of the cross
- 12 Noon Walk of witness (from Wanstead Flats- finishing at Ursulines Convent)
- 2:15pm 'The Iniquity of Us All' a set musical meditations on the Stations of the Cross by the St Antony's Gospel Choir
- 3pm Office of the Passion (followed by Confessions)
- 5:30 Spanish Office of the Cross
- 7:30pm Stations of the Cross and Confessions
- 8:30pm Office of Tenebrae

Holy Saturday 30th

- 9am to 12 Noon - Confessions
- 11am Rehearsal for catechumens
- 12 Noon Polish Blessing of food
- 4:00pm Tamil Mass
- 8:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday (March 31)

- Masses at usual Sunday times
- 3pm Spanish Mass
- 7:30pm Sunday 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.

The Iniquity Of Us All' - premiered by the St Antony's Gospel Choir

'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. **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.

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.

VACANCY Ursuline Links: Youth Volunteer Programme are recruiting for a Director for the charity's future working in Forest Gate, London. If you feel you have the relevant skills and experience to fulfil this role, please send your CV to officemanager@ursulines-ru.uk All suitable applicants will be sent an application form to complete. Closing date **19th April 2024.**

Good Friday—29th March

There will be a second collection for Holy Places on Good Friday, 29th March.

EASTER OFFERINGS-weekend 30th/31st March 2024

Easter offerings are your personal gift to the priests of the parish there are envelopes available at the back of the church. Thank you.

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