

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

MASS INTENTIONS -2nd–10th March 2024

Saturday 2nd March 2024	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 7.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour Mass
Monday of the Third Week of Lent 4th	7.45am	Philomina Kuriyan & Pappu Chalaverdan RIP
	10.00am	Pat McHugh RIP
Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent 5th	7.45am	Winborne Charles RIP
	10.00am	Jacob Healy Duckett Family RIP
	8.00pm	St Anthony's Novena
Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent 6th	7.45am	Madeline Tan RIP
	10.00am	James Daly RIP Alice Maylin RIP
Thursday of the Third Week of Lent 7th	7.45am	Ursuline Sisters RIP
	10.00am	Martin HenryRIP
Friday of the Third Week of Lent 8th	7.45am	Mrs Inacinha Rodrigues RIP
	10.00am	Joseph Rajendran RIP
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday of the Third Week of Lent 9th	10.00am	Julieta Belsonda RIP Padre Pio Prayer Group Intentions
	12 Noon	Requiem Jerome Anekwe
	6.30pm	(Vigil) People of the Parish
Sunday 10th March 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent B (Laetare Sunday)	8.30am	Mrs Ann Henry RIP
	10.00am	Robert Baxter Intentions
	12 Noon	Anne Akotibe Thanksgiving
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Annamma Manuel RIP

ST ANTONY'S CHURCH FOREST GATE

Third Sunday of Lent B—3rd March 2024

Reading I: Exodus 20:1-17:

Psalm: Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Reading II: 1 Cor 1:22-25 :

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Overall Theme: The theme of the readings is that Jesus is the embodiment of the law. This law aids us in acting in accordance with our identity as children of God.
Summary of the Readings:

First reading: Today's excerpt from the book of Exodus recounts the giving of the Ten Commandments and the Mosaic covenant to establish family laws and structure to the people of God.

Psalm: David praises God for the goodness of the Law. In traditional Judaism, the law was a gift from God that the people took delight in. Psalm 19 expresses appreciation for the good guidance from God about living to enhance human flourishing.

Second reading: Paul mentions that the "Jews demand signs," which is what happens in the Gospel when Jesus cleanses the temple. The Jews say, "What sign do you have to show us that you have the authority to do that?" This reaction coincides with how God often proved Himself to the Jews in the Old Testament by utilizing signs.

Gospel: Jesus, as the Son of David, has a responsibility to maintain the Temple which was being abused. The court that was given to the Gentiles for prayer and worship had become a market. Jesus in righteous anger restored the court to be a place of prayer. Later in the gospel, Jesus speaks of the Temple of His Body, which is polyvalent in meaning. To call His Body the Temple means that He is the culmination of all the covenants of salvation history. Additionally, the human body is considered the perfect temple because it was fashioned by God's hand.

Practical Application: Let us be grateful for God's perfect law that Christ invites us to meditate upon. The Gospels are how we learn the law of the Lord by watching Him in action. By observing our Lord, we intuit the principles by which He is guiding us.

Memory Verse: *"The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple."* (Psalm 19:8)

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 3 Sundays will have special readings, different to the ones in your leaflets for the other Sunday Masses.
They are **Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 94; Romans 5:1-2,5-8; John 4:5-42.**

Church Closed for Descent of Scaffolding

The Church will be closed after 10am Mass on the following days; **Thursday March 7th, Friday March 8th and Monday March 11th**. Apologies for any inconvenience

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.

For those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood—The next “Enquirers’ Evening” is on **Tuesday 5 March at Brentwood Cathedral**. The speaker will be Deacon Frank Westcott. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Funeral of Jerome Anekwe RIP

Sadly on December 20th 2023, long time parishioner Jerome Anekwe passed away. Originally from Nnewi Diocese in Anambra State, Nigeria, since arriving in the UK, Jerome and his wife Justina have attended and served faithfully here at St Antony’s parish. **The Requiem Mass will take place at 12 noon on Saturday March 9th** with repatriation for burial in Nigeria. May his soul rest in peace.

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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.

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Holy Week 2024

Palm Sunday (March 24th)

Masses at Usual Sunday times (12 noon mass; Procession starts in the Friary Lawn)

Monday 25th

Morning masses at usual times

Tuesday 26th

Morning masses at usual times

Wednesday 27th

Morning mass at 7:45am (No 10am mass that morning)
(Chrism 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)
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
4:30pm Tamil Mass
8:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday (March 31)

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