

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

*MASS INTENTIONS 13th - 21st April 2024*

<b>Saturday 13th April 2024</b>	6.30pm	(vigil) People of the Parish
<b>Third Sunday of Easter B 14th April 2024</b>	8.30am	Joseph Thomas & Joan Thomas RIP
	10.00am	Pauline Reay RIP
	12 Noon	Chinemerem Akotibe Thanksgiving
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass
<b>Monday after the Third Sunday of Easter 15th</b>	7.45am	Aron, Amanda & Family
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Requiem Peter Augustine</b>
<b>Tuesday after the Third Sunday of Easter 16th</b>	7.45am	Owen, Winnie & Family Intentions
	10.00am	Sebastian Antony Paul Francis De Melo Intentions
	<b>8.00pm</b>	St Anthony's Novena
<b>Wednesday after the Third Sunday of Easter 17th</b>	7.45am	Seamus Maughan Intentions
	10.00am	Cyril & Marta D'Souza RIP
<b>Thursday after the Third Sunday of Easter 18th</b>	7.45am	Mrs Henry RIP
	10.00am	Anton Weerakone RIP Luis Arcio De Melo RIP
<b>Friday after the Third Sunday of Easter 19th</b>	7.45am	Telly Alfred Thanksgiving Joseph Lang RIP
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Requiem Danuta Gradosielska (Polish Service)</b>
<b>Saturday after the Third Sunday of Easter 20th</b>	10.00am	S Francis Intentions Glenn Ceasar Lendio Thanksgiving
	6.30pm	(Vigil) Margaret Edwards RIP
<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter B 21st April 2024 World Day of Prayer for Vocations</b>	8.30am	Merlin & Zena Baptist RIP
	10.00am	Monica Chikezie/Nwosu & Family Thanksgiving
	12 Noon	Densil Joseph RIP
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	People of the Parish

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

*Third Sunday of Easter B*

*14th April 2024*

**Our First Reading** is taken from ***Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15,17-19***: Peter preaches that Jesus has been raised from the dead and calls upon the people to repent. The **Responsorial Psalm** is from ***Psalm 4***: A prayer seeking God's favour. Today's **Second Reading** is ***1 John 2:1-5a***: Those who know God keep his commandments.

This Sunday's **Gospel Reading** is ***Luke 24:35-48***: Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "*Peace be with you.*" This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement. As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.

**Fr John Jesus Surgery - If you would like to meet with Fr John Jesus his**

**Next surgery will be on Tuesday 16th April 2024 - 4pm-5pm.**

**The next Baptismal Preparation Course—Will be on Saturday 18th May 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.

#### **RED Boxes 2023: THANK YOU**

In 2023 St Antony's parish raised £1265.47 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at St Antony's is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit [mission.org.uk](http://mission.org.uk) to find out more.

**The next Maranatha Mass celebrated by Fr. Paschal Uche**, followed by Prayer and Praise, will be held at Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. All welcome.

*You are invited to the 2024 Caritas Brentwood Networking Day, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 10am – 2.30pm, at the St Edward the Confessor Church Hall, Romford. If you are interested in the Catholic response to homelessness, the Cost of Living Crisis, mental health and well-being, welcoming refugees and migrants or the causes and effects of climate change, then this is a chance to be sustained, share ideas and good practices with people from parishes across Essex and East London and hear about charities and resources available. Details and free registration are at [www.caritasbrentwood.org/network](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/network)*

**Brentwood Diocesan Trust Registered Charity Number 234092**

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Please pray for the repose of the souls of

**Peter Augustine RIP—Requiem mass will be held in St Antony's on Monday 15th April at 10am.**

**Danuta Gradosielska RIP—Requiem mass will be held in St Antony's on Friday 19th April at 10am.**

**Please remember their family and friends in your prayers.**

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them may they rest in peace. Amen**

#### **IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE PARISH GIFT AID SCHEME PLEASE LET US KNOW IF:**

- You must be a UK tax payer to be a member of the Parish Gift Aid Scheme.
- If you no longer pay tax please contact the parish office, so we can amend our records.
- 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.**

#### **GIFT AID BOXES**

**There are still some Gift Aid boxes to be collected, please contact the parish office [forestgate@brcdt.org](mailto:forestgate@brcdt.org). Thank you for supporting the parish in this way.**

#### **Sunday 21st April 2024—World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

**Is Christ calling you? Could you pray for Vocations?**

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood for our diocese and for those currently training for the priesthood. Pray cards will be available next weekend.

There will be a second collection after all Masses next weekend.

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- Donations can be made parish web-site [www.stantonysforestgate.com](http://www.stantonysforestgate.com)
- Payment direct into the parish bank account using online banking
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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.