

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

MASS INTENTIONS 20th–28th April 2024

Saturday 20th April 2024	6.30pm	(vigil) Margaret Edwards RIP
Fourth Sunday of Easter B 21st April 2024 World Day of Prayer for Vocations	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
Monday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter 22nd	7.45am	Kimi LueQuee Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Lucy Henry Thanksgiving Una Maughan Thanksgiving
Tuesday 23rd St George	7.45am	Patrick & Kim Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Josie Bloomfield Intentions Romualdo Caliao RIP
	8.00pm	St Anthony's Novena
Wednesday 24th St Mellitus, Bp of London	7.45am	Omo Hing Family & Palmyra & Kadi
	10.00am	Requiem Theresa Alexander
Thursday 25th St Mark	7.45am	John Tan RIP Elna Stanley Intentions
	10.00am	Elijah Bosell & Zarayah Keturah Intentions
Friday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter 26th	7.45am	Kathleen Wilson Intentions
	10.00am	Christina Mendez RIP Brian Jean Briggs RIP
Saturday after the Fourth Sunday of Easter 27th	10.00am	Oluwatoyin & Children Thanksgiving
	6.30pm	(Vigil) Martin Hehir RIP
Fifth Sunday of Easter B 28th April 2024	8.30am	Leslie & Vera Henderson RIP
	10.00am	People of the Parish
	12 Noon	Densil Joseph RIP
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass

ST ANTONY'S CHURCH FOREST GATE

Fourth Sunday of Easter B—21st April 2024

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Good Shepherd Sunday - April 21, 2024

Our First Reading today is taken from *Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12*: Peter announces an act of healing in the name of Jesus Christ.

The **Responsorial Psalm** is from *Psalm 118*: A prayer of thanksgiving to God for his kindness.

The week's **Second Reading** is *1 John 3:1-2*: God revealed his love for us by calling us children of God.

Our **Gospel Reading this Sunday** is *John 10:11-18*: Jesus says that he is the good shepherd who knows his sheep.

Prayer for Peace—Pope Francis

Lord God of peace, Good Shepherd, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarrelling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us...

Life in the Spirit Seminars – Awake Sleeper beginning 7:00pm Tuesday 23rd April
Make the most of Eastertide with people from all over London who are gathering to explore what it could be like to live life in the Spirit. The first session starts on Tuesday 23rd April. St Michael's parish in East Ham is hosting an in person group, alternatively, you can join via zoom or watch the talks on YouTube. If you would like to join a group please book beforehand so they are ready to welcome you. Visit youtube.com/@RCSouthwark1/streams to watch along.

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Booking Code Online



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.

You are invited to the 2024 Caritas Brentwood Networking Day, Saturday 27th 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

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**Fr John Jesus Surgery - If you would like to meet with Fr John Jesus his
Next surgery will be on Tuesday 23rd April 2024 - 4pm-5pm.**

SAFEGUARDING

There is a legal requirement for all parish volunteers who work with children (eg, altar servers aged under 18) or vulnerable adults (eg parishioners visited in their homes) to have a DBS certificate no more than 3 years old. This must be obtained through the parish for parish work. If you do not have a certificate, or it was gained more than 3 years ago, or you are unsure about this, please contact the Parish Safeguarding rep: Anne Kenward 07703336287 or aandrkenward@talktalk.net.

Thank you

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Theresa Alexander RIP—Requiem mass will be held in St Antony's on **Wednesday 24th April at 10am.**

**Please remember her family and friends in your prayers.
Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her may they rest in peace. Amen**

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

Is Christ calling you?

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, or the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood for our diocese and for those currently training for the priesthood. Second collection this weekend supports the education and formation of our seminarians.

Pray cards are available at the back of the Church. Could you pray for Vocations?

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- Donations can be made parish web-site www.stantonysforestgate.com
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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.