

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

MASS INTENTIONS 6th–14th April 2024

Saturday 6th April 2024	6.30pm	(vigil) People of the Parish
Second Sunday of Easter B 7th April 2024 (Divine Mercy Sunday) (Octave of Easter)	8.30am	Emily & Percy Pratt RIP
	10.00am	Zeena Charles Thanksgiving
	12 Noon	Stella Rajah RIP
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass
Monday 8th Annunciation of the Lord	7.45am	Philip O’Gorman
	10.00am	Bill, Joan & Mark Bennett RIP Vanessa Barbara Smith RIP
		THERE WILL BE NO EVENING MASS
Tuesday after the Second Sunday of Easter 9th	7.45am	Una Maughan
	10.00am	Davidson Family RIP Ruth & Edwin Jeremiah RIP
	8.00pm	St Anthony’s Novena
Wed after the Second Sunday of Easter 10th	7.45am	Madeline Tan RIP Eugene Deshaut
	10.00am	Requiem Marie Cauchi
Thursday 11th St Stanislaus	7.45am	Marie Magaron RIP
	10.00am	Lee Pereira RIP Lina Treacy Intentions
Friday after the Second Sunday of Easter 12th	7.45am	Ludivina LueQuee Thanksgiving John Joyce RIP
	10.00am	Requiem Ethelyn Thomas
Saturday after the Second Sunday of Easter 13th	10.00am	Maria Louisa Fletcher RIP Padre Pio Prayer Group Intentions
	6.30pm	(Vigil) People of the Parish
Third Sunday of Easter B 14th April 2024	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

ST ANTONY’S CHURCH FOREST GATE
Second Sunday of Easter B—Divine Mercy Sunday
7th April 2024

Our First Reading this week is from the *Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35*: The first Christian community shared their possessions, and no one was needy.

The **Responsorial Psalm** is taken from *Psalm 118*: The Lord’s mercy endures forever. Our **Second Reading** is from *1 John 5:1-6*: Those who love God keep his commandments.

Today’s **Gospel Reading** is *John 20:19-31*: Thomas believes because he sees Jesus. Part of the mystery of Jesus’ Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. We know from readings such as today’s that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion. In today’s Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today’s reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

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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.

Is God Calling you to the a Priest?

The next “Enquirers’ Evening” for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is **on Tuesday 9 April** at Brentwood Cathedral.

The speaker will be Fr Joseph Rodrigues.

For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires: vocprom@brcdt.org

St Angela’s Ursuline - School Support Staff Vacancies - St Angela's are looking to fill the following vacancies.

Sixth Form Admin Assistant - School admin member of staff who will work alongside the Office Manager, support in daily running of 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.**

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. **Closing Date: 11th April 2024, at 12 noon.**

For more information please see <https://www.stbons.org/workwithus/>

Act now to stop DIY abortion up to birth

Diana Johnson MP has tabled an amendment (New Clause 1) to the Government’s Criminal Justice Bill, which is coming up for Report stage in Parliament in early March. This amendment seeks to change criminal law so that “no offence is committed by a woman acting in relation to her own pregnancy” at any gestation. This means that a woman who induced her abortion at home using pills (or any other method) at any stage of pregnancy, including just before natural birth, would commit no offence. This is dangerous for women and lethal for unborn babies.

Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose this extreme and barbaric proposal. You can do this using SPUC’s easy to use webtool, at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments>

Please pray for the defeat of this amendment, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.

Annunciation of the Lord—8th April 2024

There will be the usual morning masses at 7.45am and 10am.

There will be **NOT** be an evening mass.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Marie Cauchi RIP—Requiem mass will be held in St Antony’s on **Wednesday 10th April at 10am.**

Ethelyn Thomas RIP-Requiem mass will be held in St Antony’s on **Friday 12th 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

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

GIFT AID BOXES

There are still 22 Gift Aid boxes to be collected from the back of the church,
please collect your box as soon as possible.

Look for the box with your name, as some numbers have changed.

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

Thank you for supporting the parish in this way.

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- online donations link: <https://stream.seccomgroup.com/donations/saop>
- Donations can be made parish web-site www.stantonysforestgate.com
- Payment direct into the parish bank account using online banking
- QR Codes available around the church
- Contactless using QR Codes located around the Church

We pray for the SICK of our Parish, Families & Friends— and all at home or in hospital, and all who care for our sick.