

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

**MASS INTENTIONS 11th May–19th May 2024**

<b>Saturday 11th May 2024</b>	6.30pm	(vigil) Mark Henry RIP
<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter B 12th May 2024 World Communications Day</b>	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Natalia Nabcwa RIP
	12 Noon	Bill, Joan & Mark Bennett RIP
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Luciana Thomas Thanksgiving
<b>Monday 13th St Erconwald</b>	7.45am	Private Intentions Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Jonathan Ayers Thanksgiving Maria Louisa Fletcher RIP
<b>Tuesday 14th St Matthias</b>	7.45am	Rita Williams & Lordelia Pratt Intentions Pauline Reay RIP
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Requiem Adris Hamilton</b>
	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>St Anthony's Novena</b>
<b>Wed after the Seventh Sunday of Easter 15th</b>	7.45am	May Shanahan Intentions
	10.00am	Juana De Catro RIP Troneo Bumanglag RIP
<b>Thursday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter 16th</b>	7.45am	Madeline Tan RIP Richard L Vanderputt RIP
	10.00am	Elena Margaret Healy
<b>Friday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter 17th</b>	7.45am	Alfred Stafford Ross RIP
	10.00am	Celso De Castro RIP Carmen Gauci RIP
<b>Saturday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter 18th</b>	10.00am	First Holy Communion Mass
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
<b>Pentecost B 19th May 2024</b>	8.30am	Elsie & Catherine Henderson RIP
	10.00am	Edith Obi Thanksgiving
	12 Noon	Confirmation Mass
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	4.30pm	Tamil Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass

**ST ANTONY'S CHURCH FOREST GATE**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter B—12th May 2024**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 12<sup>th</sup> 2025**

Our First reading this week is taken from the **Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17,20-26**: We must choose one of these to be a witness to his resurrection with us. The Psalm is from **Psalm 102**: The Lord has set his sway in heaven. Our Second Reading is **1 John 4:11-16**: Anyone who lives in love lives in God and God lives in him. Our Gospel this Sunday is **John 17:11-19**: That they may be one like us.

**Novena to the Holy Spirit**

A novena is a specific prayer intention made for nine consecutive days. The practice has its origins in the nine days that the Apostles spent in prayer between Christ's Ascension and the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

*When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. Acts 1:13-14*

Praying each day during the time between the Ascension and Pentecost is a wonderful and powerful way of invoking and imploring the Holy Spirit upon our world, parish, family and upon our hearts. Come Holy Spirit!

**Daily 9-Day Novena Prayer between the Ascension and Pentecost**

*Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth, the Spirit on Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.*

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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 14th May 2024 - 4pm-5pm.**

**Nine-Day Novena to St Antony 2024 (4th—12th June)** - This year to mark the feast of our patron saint St Anthony, on June 13th, we will be having our usual 9-day novena (starting 4th June) to build up to this day. This time of prayer and devotion is designed to prepare our hearts to celebrate this great feast and to get to know better this amazing saint. Each night will be devoted to one of the virtues of St Anthony and we pray that all those who do this 9-day novena will be showered with many graces and blessings from God through the intercession of St Antony. **More details in next week's newsletter.**

**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.

**GOAN COMMUNITY** please note, Ven. Agnelo Novena Mass will be celebrated in Konkani on **Saturday 18th May 2024 @ 12 noon in St. Antony's Primary School**, Upton Avenue, E7 9PN followed by fellowship. All welcome.

**Knights of St Columba Quiz Night**—The Knights of St Columba kindly invite you to a quiz night for charity on **25th May 2024 at the Red House**, 13 Upton Lane. Time: 6.30pm, Tickets: £5 per head. There are prizes for 1st and 2nd for a team of 4 persons.

**Fr Austin McCormack RIP** — Please pray for the repost of the Soul of Fr Austin McCormack OFM who died recently. Fr Austin lived and ministered in the Diocese for many years particularly here at St Antony's and Woodford Green. We offer our prayerful sympathy to all his brother Franciscans. Please remember his family and friends in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace. Amen.

**Adris Hamilton RIP** — Please pray for the repose of the soul of Adris Hamilton, her requiem mass will be held in **St Antony's Church on Tuesday 14th May 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 she rest in peace. Amen.

**Angela Geraghty RIP**— Please pray for the repose of the soul of Angela Geraghty, her requiem mass will be held in **St Francis Church on Friday 24th May at 12.15pm** Please remember her family and friends in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in peace. Amen.

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

## CONFIRMATION

**Please remember in your prayers our young people of the parish who will be confirmed next weekend Sunday 19th May 12 Noon Mass.**

### **Holy Spirit Saturday - 3:00pm - 5:30pm 18th May 2024**

All are welcome for a joyful afternoon of praise and worship and inspiration in preparation for Pentecost this year. Teresa Carvalho has invited one of the founding members of Sion Community, Michelle Moran to fire up our desire to live life filled with the Holy Spirit. It's completely free, but it would help us prepare if you could let us know you are coming along by scanning the accompanying QR code. We are meeting in St Francis Hall, come along, even if you haven't had a chance to book. <https://stantonys.churchsuite.com/events/>



**Retreat Manager for Walsingham House at Abbotswick:** This is a live in position and ideal for someone with previous experience in youth ministry. **Programme Leader for Walsingham House at Abbotswick:** Walsingham House are seeking to appoint a Programme Leader.

Full details, including background information and how to apply, can be found at [www.bcys.net/news/vacancies/](http://www.bcys.net/news/vacancies/) The closing date is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

**Act now to stop DIY abortion up to birth** - MPs Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have both tabled amendments to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill that would decriminalise abortion. In different ways, they would essentially legalise DIY abortion up to birth, for any reason. Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose these extreme and barbaric proposals. You can do this using SPUC's easy to use webtool, at <https://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments>. The **Bill will be debated on 15 May, so please contact your MP NOW.** Please pray for the defeat of these amendments, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.

**World Communication Day—12th May 2024 - Second collection after all Masses this weekend.**

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