

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

MASS INTENTIONS 4th May–12th May 2024

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| Saturday 4th May 2024 | 6.30pm | (vigil) People of the Parish |
| Sixth Sunday of Easter B 5th May 2024 | 8.30am | Ivy Jordan RIP |
| | 10.00am | Edith Obi & Family Thanksgiving |
| | 12 Noon | Chizaram Akotibe Thanksgiving |
| | 3.00pm | Spanish Mass |
| | 6.30pm | Solemn Holy Hour |
| | 7.30pm | Mass |
| Monday 6th St John Payne | 7.45am | Una Maughan Intentions John, Helen Dina Thanksgiving |
| | 10.00am | John, Anthony & Joan, Marie Bennett Intentions |
| Tuesday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter 7th | 7.45am | Vida Wills |
| | 10.00am | Roderick Family RIP Liberata & Filipe Ocampo RIP |
| | 8.00pm | St Anthony's Novena |
| Wednesday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter 8th | 7.45am | Christeto Virtido RIP |
| | 10.00am | Alice Ludwig & Family Thomas Jose Cunningham Intentions |
| Thursday 9th The Ascension of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation | 7.45am | Seamus, Mary & Family Intentions |
| | 10.00am | Rizza Alcaron Lareza RIP |
| | 7.30pm | Sr Kathrine Kelly Intentions |
| Friday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter 10th | 7.45am | Kenneth Arthur Luequee RIP |
| | 10.00am | Ruben Palad Romero RIP Manuel Arulpiragasam RIP |
| Saturday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter 11th | 10.00am | Padre Pio Prayer Group Intentions (First Holy Communion Mass) |
| | 6.30pm | Mark Henry RIP |
| Seventh Sunday of Easter B 12th May 2024 World Communications Day | 8.30am | People of the Parish |
| | 10.00am | Natalia Nabacwa RIP |
| | 12 Noon | Bill, Joan & Mark Bennett RIP |
| | 3.00pm | Spanish Mass |
| | 6.30pm | Solemn Holy Hour |
| | 7.30pm | Luciana Thomas Thanksgiving |

ST ANTONY'S CHURCH FOREST GATE

Sixth Sunday of Easter B—5th May 2024

Reading I: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Psalm: Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 Reading II: 1 John 4:7-10 Gospel: John 15:9-17

Overall Theme: The theme of the readings defines “love” by explaining Trinitarian love and how the whole Church is meant to enter that Divine Love.

Summary of the Readings:

First reading: The Gentile Pentecost account in Acts depicts Peter, guided by divine inspiration, baptizing an uncircumcised family of a Roman centurion. This event holds profound significance as these individuals retain their Gentile identity while receiving the Holy Spirit. Although some interpret the Spirit's descent before baptism as a justification for not needing baptism, Peter still insists on their baptism. Catholic theology accommodates the concept of perfect desire, wherein God may grant the substance or graces of the sacrament without the external form. The normative form is that God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but He is not bound by His sacraments.

Psalm: The Psalm linked to the Babylonian exile illustrates the Israelites' duty to bear witness to the faith among the Gentiles. They are meant to be coheirs of salvation with the people of God, as they will share in the royal priesthood of the nations in the New Covenant. In Acts, the Jewish Apostles fulfill their task of instructing the Gentiles in the faith.

Second reading: God is love, He is *hesed*, which is covenantal love. The divine concept of love involves telling the truth, obeying commandments, and self-sacrifice. Jesus provides expiation for our sins through His passion, the definitive day of atonement. The Cross is the ultimate symbol of what love is.

Gospel: The Gospel contains the bulk of Jesus' teachings on the Holy Spirit. While not explicitly mentioning His name, Jesus prepares us for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, by teaching the spirit of love. The Holy Spirit enables us to abide in His love by aiding us in keeping His commandments. We are urged to love others as He loves us, sacrificially and selflessly, implying that genuine love prioritizes the well-being of others over oneself. Finally, it's a profound reality that we are called friends of God despite our inequality with God; this is made possible solely through the Holy Spirit, who transforms our nature to reflect God's likeness.

Practical Application: Loving God is not a result of our effort but of His love that enables us to return His affections. Daily acts of self-sacrifice require divine grace, therefore, we ought to frequent the sacraments that empower us to love through Christ's love.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD B - Thursday 9th May 2024

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Mass times are: 7.45am: 10.00am: 7.30pm

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

Next surgery will be on Tuesday 7th May 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.

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.

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

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Migrants' Mass

*"The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster invite you to the annual Mass for Migrants on **Monday, 6th May 2024, at 12pm.** **The Mass will be hosted by the Archdiocese of Southwark at St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HR, with the Archbishop of Southwark, John Wilson, presiding and Bishop Alan Williams, as concelebrant alongside the Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. You are kindly invited to attend in person to celebrate the significant contribution made by migrants to the life of our Dioceses."***

Ask your MP to stop abortion up to birth being introduced

*Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have tabled amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that would make extreme changes to our abortion laws. Both amendments would make it more likely that babies are aborted at home for any reason, up to birth. **Take action:** To oppose the abortion up to birth amendments, email your MP via this link: www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth*

The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on **Tuesday 7 May at Brentwood Cathedral.** The speaker will be Fr Patrick Daly. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires: vocprom@brcdt.org

NATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE NETWORK - AGM and Open Networking Day

Saturday 11th May 10.30am—4pm. Taking place at CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Rd., London SE1 7JB. We will hear about the 'New definition of extremism 2024', what it will mean in practice, and how it affects climate activism. There will be time for discussions and networking. Tea/coffee will be provided, but please bring your own lunch, For more information, contact admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk.

Job Opportunities

Health and Safety Co-ordinator - A vacancy has arisen for a Health and Safety Co-ordinator to work full time from Monday to Friday. Closing date for applications: 14th May 2024.

Choral Director – Diocese of Brentwood Schools Singing Programme—Closing date 16 May 2024

Assistant Secretary – Cathedral House (Bishop's Office) - Assistant Secretary to work for the Bishop's Office at Cathedral House – Brentwood. The post will be full time working Monday to Friday. Closing date for applications 22nd May 2024

For more information and details how to apply contact hr@brcdt.org. or visit:

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>