

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

MASS INTENTIONS 18th May–26th May 2024

Saturday 18th May 2024	6.30pm	(vigil) People of the Parish
Sunday 19th May 2024 Pentecost B	8.30am	Elsie & Catherine Henderson RIP
	10.00am	Edith Obi Thanksgiving
	12 Noon	Confirmation Mass
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass
Monday 20th Mary, Mother of the Church	7.45am	Sharon & Family Intentions Martin Macadangdang Intentions
	10.00am	Pat & Bernie McNally RIP
Tuesday 21st Feria	7.45am	John, Helen, Dina Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Catherine Bonanno Thanksgiving Charina Marie Valerio Intentions
	8.00pm	St Anthony's Novena
Wednesday 22nd Feria	7.45am	Kathleen Wilson Intentions Private Intentions in thanksgiving
	10.00am	Alfred Bonanno RIP
Thursday 23rd Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest	7.45am	Jaswinder Chamdal Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Florence Iyawa Thanksgiving Fr Kinglsea Intentions
Friday 24th Feria	7.45am	Brian & Jean Briggs Peter & John Maughan RIP
	10.00am	Carmen Gauci RIP
Saturday 25th St Bede the Venerable	10.00am	Oluwatoyin & Children Thanksgiving Michael Cullen RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 26th May 2024 The Most Holy Trinity	8.30am	Harold Collins-Nuttall RIP
	10.00am	Monica Chikezie/Nwosu & Family Thanksgiving
	12 Noon	Stanislaus Naganathan
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	4.30pm	Tamil Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass

ST ANTONY'S CHURCH FOREST GATE
PENTECOST—19th May 2024

Reading I: Acts 2:1-11 / Psalm: Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 / Reading II: Gal 5:16-25 / Gospel: John 20:19-23

Overall Theme: Pentecost is a high point in the Church's liturgy because it is the culmination of Christ's mission through the gift of the Holy Spirit who breathes life into the Church.

Summary of the Readings:

First reading: The feast of Pentecost is a Jewish holiday that celebrates the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai fifty days after the Passover. Similar imagery of fire and wind are exhibited in the coming of the Holy Spirit as He imparts the New Covenant. Like an inversion of the Tower of Babel, all the scattered people of Israel come back and can understand the apostles who are established as the new patriarchs of the New Israel. The passage underscores the Church's fundamental purpose of fostering reconciliation between God and our fellow man, thereby necessitating the Church's international quality and unification under the pope. **Psalm:** There are themes of recreation that detail the Spirit moving over the waters in Genesis. He breathes new life into all creation through the gift of eternal life. **Second reading:** The notion of "*flesh*" transcends merely bodily desires but also comes from the spirit. A more precise definition is a fallen human nature devoid of the grace of God. **Gospel:** This passage is often called the Johannine Pentecost, as Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles for the power to forgive sins. This is a recapitulation of the Levitical priesthood where the people of Israel would confess their sins so that the priest could determine the proper sacrifice to offer (cf. Leviticus 5:5). By the Apostles' administration of the sacraments, the Holy Spirit comes forth upon us in an ongoing Pentecost. It is a profound truth that the ascension of the Incarnate Lord paves the way for the Spirit's arrival, enabling us to partake in the divine life of God through the grace bestowed in the sacraments.

Practical Application: Consider contemplating why baptizing a soul is a greater miracle than raising someone from the dead. Ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit in your daily tasks so that they may be elevated by His grace.

Farewell to brother Vladimir

Sadly Brother Vladimir will be moving on this summer to another mission with the brothers of St John and will no longer be here with us in Forest Gate. On Sunday June 2nd, after the 12 noon mass, at the Sunday Tea and Coffee, we will get a chance to say goodbye before he leaves. Brother Vladimir has been at St Antony's now for 2 years and has been very much part of the community events and liturgical celebrations as deacon. I know many of you have great affection for brother Vladimir, so keep him in your prayers as he moves on. He has told me many times of his great love and appreciation of the parishioners of St Antony's and we wish him the best for the future.

Rosary Marathon—The Legion of Mary will be holding a Rosary Marathon (continuous praying of Rosary) for end of war and peace in the world, **on Friday 31st May in St Antony's Church, 10am—5pm,**

10am Mass followed by Rosary.

5pm Eucharistic adoration and Benediction.

All welcome to join throughout the day and stay as long as you can.

Tea/coffee and light refreshments will be available.

Sr Frances Oakley RIP—The Ursuline Sisters ask your prayers for the repose of the soul of Sr. Frances Oakley who died on May 11th. May she rest in peace. Her funeral will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her may she rest in peace. Amen

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.

The next Baptismal Preparation Course—Will be on Saturday 22nd June 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.

St Angela's Ursuline School has a vacancy for a foundation Governor to join the Governing Body leading the school. Foundation Governors need to be practising Catholics with a keen interest in education and the school. Interested applicants can email frances.murphy@stangelas-ursuline.co.uk for further details about the role of Foundation Governors.

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Nine-Day Novena to St Antony 2024—4th—12th June

This year to mark the feast of our patron saint St Antony, on June 13th, we will be having our usual 9-day novena 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 Antony 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.

Day 1: Tuesday June 4th

St Antony - Liberator of Prisoners

7:30pm – Blessing of the St Antony's Flag and Statue
8pm Novena

Day 2: Wednesday June 5th

St Antony - Friend of the Poor

8pm - Novena

Day 3: Thursday June 6th

St Antony - Hope for those who are ill

8pm Novena

Day 4: Friday June 7th

St Antony - Preacher of the word

8pm - Novena

Day 5: Saturday June 8th

St Antony - Saint of Miracles

8pm – Novena (after 6:30pm mass)

Day 6: Sunday June 9th

St Antony – Peacemaker

7:30pm Novena (just before evening mass)

Day 7: Monday June 10th

St Antony - Apostle of forgiveness

8pm – Novena

Day 8: Tuesday June 11th

St Antony - Defender of the persecuted

8pm – Usual Tuesday novena to St Antony, with healing service for the sick

Day 9: Wednesday June 12th

St Antony - Intercessor before God

8pm Novena

Thursday June 13th - St Antony's Day
7pm Procession and 7:30pm Solemn Mass