

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

MASS INTENTIONS 25th May–2nd June 2024

Saturday 25th May 2024	6.30pm	(vigil) 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 7.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour Mass
Monday 27th - St Augustine of Canterbury	7.45am	Christjose, Johnson & Anne Intentions Robert & Elizabeth Armstrong Intentions
	10.00am	Eddison George Naguaia Mohamed Bazan RIP
Tuesday 28th Feria	7.45am	Dennis Castellás & Lily MacFarlaine
	10.00am	Helen Montoya Linda Bartolome Thanksgiving
	8.00pm	St Anthony's Novena
Wednesday 29th Feria	7.45am	Prudence Roderick RIP
	10.00am	Dulcie Castellás Jhonjon Araojo RIP
Thursday 30th The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7.45am	John Tan RIP
	10.00am	Bill, Joan & Mark Bennett RIP Linda Talty Thanksgiving
Friday 31st Dedication of Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood	7.45am	Stanislous & Jeyaseeli RIP Alberto Fernandes Thanksgiving
	10.00am	Rishichandsekhar RIP
Saturday 1st June St Justine	10.00am	Vincent McDonagh RIP Veronica Okechukwu RIP
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 2nd June 2024 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	8.30am	Anthony Huan Yew Chai RIP
	10.00am	John Talty RIP
	12 Noon	Simon Ayers Thanksgiving
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass

ST ANTONY'S CHURCH FOREST GATE

The Most Holy Trinity—26th May 2024

Reading I: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 / Psalm: Psalm 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 /

Reading II: Romans 8:14-17 / Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Overall Theme: In the readings, we hear the united plan of the Trinity to bring all mankind into His covenantal family through Baptism.

Summary of the Readings:

First reading: Moses emphasizes the unity of God as he asks the people if there has ever been another god who has done the wonders and signs that our God has. The gods of Egypt are not divine gods, but fallen angels leading men away from the Lord. In a kind of divine pedagogy, he affirms that there is only one God, preparing us for the revelation of the Trinity. The threeness of God does not diminish the oneness. Instead, it makes Him not a solitude but a family. **Psalm:** The psalm speaks of the attributes of God in the first verse, but pivots to allude to the three Persons of the Trinity in the second verse. **Second reading:** The dogma of the Trinity is pastoral because through it we come to understand the structure of our salvation. The Spirit in the sacraments makes us share in the Sonship of Jesus Christ to the Father. Additionally, the inner life of the Trinity invites us to self-gift, by this love we come to empty ourselves so that we may be filled by His sacrificial love. May we learn obedience in suffering by imitating Jesus so that through the Spirit we may cry out Abba, Father, as we carry our crosses. **Gospel:** The passage recounts the classic Trinitarian formula of baptism while affirming that God will never leave us orphaned now that we are His children. Jesus charges us to teach others to live the faith by observing all that He has commanded. **Practical Application:** You become like what you worship, therefore, if we worship God we will learn interpersonal self-giving love towards others. The Trinity is the highest and holiest of all the sacred mysteries. In contemplating the Trinity, we can begin to understand who God is and how to interpret Scripture through a Trinitarian lens.

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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.

St Antony's Saturday Club—the Saturday Club will be **on Saturday 1st June 2024, from 2pm-4pm.** The Saturday Club runs on a monthly basis and it is designed to offer the senior citizens of our parish a place to gather, have a cuppa and a sandwich, catch up and enjoy themselves for a few hours on a Saturday afternoon.

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.

John Canon RIP—please pray for the repose of the soul of John Canon, who died recently. John was a parishioner of St Antony's for many years. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace. Amen

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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.



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