

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

MASS INTENTIONS 1st–9th June 2024

Saturday 1st June	6.30pm	(vigil) 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
Monday 3rd St Charles Lwanga & Comps	7.45am	Rubin D’Souza & Nelson RIP
	10.00am	Linda Ann D’Cruz RIP Shirlie Bromely RIP
Tuesday 4th Feria	7.45am	Mary Hunt Intentions
	10.00am	D’Silva Family RIP Benjamin Thanksgiving
	8.00pm	St Anthony’s Novena
Wednesday 5th St Boniface	7.45am	Ann Intentions Thiruchelvam RIP
	10.00am	Carmen Gauci RIP
Thursday 6th Feria	7.45am	Charles Netto & Mabel Netto RIP
	10.00am	Sharyn Ann Boloing RIP Albertina D’Cruz RIP
First Friday 7th The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus All Night Adoration after 9.30pm Mass	7.45am	Prudence Roderick RIP
	10.00am	Requiem Judith Bristol
	9.30pm	Sacred Heart Confraternity
Saturday 8th The Immaculate Heart of Mary	10.00am	Padre Pio Prayer Group Intentions
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 9th June 2024 Tenth Sunday of the Year B	8.30am	Jean Barker RIP
	10.00am	Edith Obi & Family Thanksgiving
	12 Noon	Antoine & Theodora Auguste RIP
	3.00pm	Spanish Mass
	6.30pm	Solemn Holy Hour
	7.30pm	Mass

ST ANTONY’S CHURCH FOREST GATE
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ—2nd June 2024
Corpus Christi

Our First Reading this week is taken from Exodus 24:3-8: The covenant is established between God and the people. The **Responsorial Psalm** is from **Psalm 116:12-13,15-16,17-18:** God brings salvation. The **Second Reading** is from **Hebrews 9:11-15:** Christ is the mediator of the new covenant. This Sunday’s **Gospel Reading** is **Mark 14:12-16,22-26:** Jesus shares his Last Supper with his disciples.

Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, often called *Corpus Christi*, the Latin words for “the Body of Christ.” The Gospel of Mark describes Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples as a celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. The Jewish celebration of Passover is a memorial to and a ritual participation in the defining moment of Israel’s history. It celebrates God’s deliverance of his people from slavery in Egypt. The Passover meal includes many ritually important elements, such as unleavened bread, lamb, and bitter herbs.

In the description of the Passover meal found in today’s Gospel, however, Mark omits many elements of the Jewish Passover meal. Instead he describes only those elements he believes to be most essential to the Christian Eucharist: Jesus took bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, and shared it with his disciples. Similar words and actions follow as Jesus shares the chalice with his disciples. This bread now shared is Jesus’ own body. Those who drink from the chalice are invited to share in a new covenant which will be sealed by Jesus’ own blood. Mark’s Eucharistic theology looks forward to the Kingdom of God that Jesus inaugurates. The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life.

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Farewell to brother Vladimir - Today 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.

First Friday—First Friday 9.30pm Mass followed by All Night Adoration will be on **Friday 7th June 2024**

Pilgrimage to Mexico 2025 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

All Saints Travel will be organising a Pilgrimage to Mexico and Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine from March 26th to April 3rd 2025 led by Fr John Moloney. As well as a pilgrimage to the world-famous shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe and the home of St Juan Diego and other well-known shrines, the journey will also take in visits to important cultural sites like the Teotihuacan Pyramids, the Anthropology Museum and Puebla. Please see the notice board at the back of the Church for more details.

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

Judith Bristol RIP—Please pray for the repose of the soul Judith Bristol whose requiem mass will be in St Antony's Church on **Friday 7th June at 10am**. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her may she rest in peace. Amen.

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. 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 amendments will be debated on 4 June, 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.

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Nine-Day Novena to St Antony 2024 begins on Tuesday June 4th

Our annual Nine-Day Novena to St Antony will begin on Tuesday June 4th, with the blessing and raising of the St Antony's flag at 7:30pm followed by the first of the nine-day novenas at 8pm. The novena on June 11th will be a healing service and those who would like to receive the sacrament of the sick can receive it. 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. We hope you can join us on this journey 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

Please bring food to share from 9am onwards on Thursday 13th June