

## Catholic Church of St Anne Line

## Newsletter

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## Easter Sunday Year B

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The Church, on the Easter Vigil, sings its Exultet Paschal Preconium. Proclamation that invites all the faithful to the most explosive joy.

"Let the choirs of angels exult...

Enjoy the land...

Rejoice also our mother the Church

"...Cosmic joy of heaven, earth and all men. Joy that does not last a few days but fifty days, better the whole life. "What a blissful night only she knew the moment when Christ rose from the dead!"

This is the night and the day that Christ defeated death and was resurrected for the love of God.

Today, Easter Sunday, we proclaim the only truth worthy of being proclaimed:

"Christ is risen, Alleluia! He truly is risen, Alleluia!

Millions of people believe in God, believe in another life, live the golden rule – do not do to others what you do not want them to do to you – but only Christians believe in the Risen Jesus. This profession of faith distinguishes Christians from all denominations of other religions. Only of Jesus, of no other founder, is it affirmed that He is alive, resurrected.



Christians are not people of Good Friday but of Resurrection Sunday, the day of joy; behind are all the tombs open to life.



Easter means for us a new birth.

Easter is the triumph of love.

Easter is a time of joy and hope.

Easter proclaims that God exists and that He is on the side of life and goodness. By bringing Jesus back to life, God reveals his active concern for us and his commitment to our history.

The Church opens its doors to everyone so that they can celebrate Easter, Sunday after Sunday and so that we come out enlightened and determined to be witnesses of the Resurrection.

**We wish you a holy and happy Easter!**

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***Fr Barto & Rev Alan***

**Baptism of infants & RCIA** Please contact the Office or speak to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. For Baptism it is essential that you make contact with us as soon as possible to ensure that Diocesan requirements are fulfilled and a suitable date can be placed in the diary.

**Confession** is after weekday morning Mass (Wednesday to Saturday) and on Saturday evening before the 6.30pm Vigil Mass. Confessions can be heard in English, Italian, Spanish and Romanian.

**Marriages** We welcome the marriage of parishioners and those who regularly worship here. Please notify Fr Barto or Rev Alan **at least six months in advance** to allow adequate time for preparation.

Can we persuade you to **set up a standing order** if you don't have one? Bank details at the front of the newsletter. If you are a taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form found in the porch and send it back to the church. You can donate **online** through the Diocesan donation page following this link: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=south-woodford>

**Weekday Morning Prayer** Psalter Week 1 – Easter Octave  
**Lectionary** Sundays Year B: Easter Octave

### **THANK YOU**

A very big thank you to everyone who helped to make the church beautiful this Easter. Particular thanks to the choir, readers, servers, flower arrangers, cleaners, gardeners and the stewards.

### **COLLECTION EASTER SUNDAY**

By long standing custom in the Diocese of Brentwood, this is your gift to the parish priest. For those who are tax payers and might wish to Gift Aid their offering, envelopes are available in the porch.

### **IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

Non-Catholics and those not practising their Faith may come for a blessing at Holy Communion time if they wish. Please indicate by crossing both arms across your chest.

### **HOLY MASSES DURING EASTER WEEK**

Holy Masses will be celebrated at 9.30am. There will be no 7pm Mass on Tuesday.

### **ACUPUNCTURE**

There will be no acupuncture sessions on Easter Sunday 31 March and Sunday 7 April.

### **THANK YOU FROM THE YOUTH SVP**

A very big thank you for the amazing support from the Parish for the Youth SVP Lenten appeal. Our coffee morning last weekend raised just over £400 for the Redbridge Food Bank from donations, cake sales and an easter bunny raffle. In addition, we have delivered 12 bags of food donations to the centre this week, just in time for the long weekend. **The collection cage will remain in the porch until Friday 5th April** for any last-minute donations. Thank you to all those that helped on the day and to the Parish for their continual support of our young people.

### **EASTER DRAW**

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the Easter draw. A total of over £371 was raised for the Parish maintenance fund. A huge thank you to Tina Marrai for organising the draw.

### **LISTEN TO GOD**

In the parish hall after Friday morning mass we will be praying Lectio Divina. This ancient

practice, encouraged after Vatican II, is a form of prayer using scripture. We are praying with the Gospel of Mark. See our website for details or just come along to find out more. <https://saintanneline.com/parish-news/lectio-divina/>

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help with Children's liturgy for primary school children during the Sunday morning Masses. Please contact Tina Marrai on 07941237743 for more information.

### **FIRST FRIDAY NOVENA**

This will continue on **Friday 5 April** in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

### **PARISH SOCIAL EVENT DATES**

#### **YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

will meet on Friday 5 April, 7.30pm in the hall. Contact Jules or Andres for further details.

**TABLE TOP SALE & CAKE SALE** – On Sunday 14 April after the 9.30am Mass. See poster in porch for more details.

### **FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH**

Fri 5 April at 12.30pm in the Gwinnell Room, St Mary's Woodford. Homemade soups, crusty bread, cold meats, cheese, fruit, salad, hot puddings & custard and hot drinks. Suggested donation £5. All welcome, no booking required, and do bring along a friend.

### **GIFT AID**

The envelopes are being distributed. If you have not joined the Gift Aid scheme but donate by standing order or regularly donate cash at the offertory without using Gift Aid envelopes, we would request that you consider joining the scheme. It doesn't cost a taxpayer anything to join the Gift Aid scheme. Joining the scheme allows the Parish to reclaim 25 pence for each £1 donated. There are Gift Aid declaration forms in the porch. Once completed please return to the office.

### **YOUTH MASS, BRENTWOOD**

On 4 April, celebrating the Easter week with a Praise and Worship Music Workshop. Meet in

the Parish Hall from 6pm for pizza and refreshments, before being led in a music workshop with Art Wangcharoensab from the Cathedral music department. You are welcome to sing, bring an instrument or just listen if you prefer! At 7:30, Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral. All information can be found at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

### **DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION**

At St John Vianney, Clayhall, on 7 April 2024. From 1pm and ending with Mass at 5pm, it will comprise Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of St Faustina's Praises, the Litany of the Divine Mercy, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and the Holy Rosary, prayers and time for Confession. Refreshments will be available.

### **A DAY WITH MARY 2024 PILGRIMAGES**

Further information on 2024 Pilgrimages to Fatima (7-14 June) and Italy (4-12 September) is available at [www.adaywithmary.org](http://www.adaywithmary.org) or email [adwmary.uk@gmail.com](mailto:adwmary.uk@gmail.com)

### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2024**

Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours ([tangney-tours.com](http://tangney-tours.com)) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young: [Lourdes@brcdt.org](mailto:Lourdes@brcdt.org)

### **WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FORMS**

Are available in the porch as you enter for the Sacraments, (FHC & Confirmation) and for nursery, primary & secondary Catholic Schools. **Attendance at weekly Sunday Mass and Holy days of obligation by your child is required** unless they are ill or isolating. Complete one per child and drop the completed form into the box provided **as you leave Church.**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

If you would like a Mass celebrated, please use the small brown Mass Offering envelope in the porch and hand it to Fr Barto once you have completed the details.

## **DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS**

(To be left on the table by the organ loft)

- Jumpers, tee-shirts, fleeces, underwear jackets - all sizes
- Joggers, jeans, socks all sizes
- Toiletries (shower gel, deodorant, razor)
- Bleach, anti-bacterial hand wash, laundry detergent (liquid)

• **NO FORMAL CLOTHES OR FORMAL SHOES AND NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES NEEDED.**

## **Mass Intentions 30<sup>th</sup> March – 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**Exposition of the Blessed Holy Eucharist is at 9am on Monday to Saturday. Rosary will be prayed on Monday to Saturday after morning Mass.**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm** People of the Parish  
**Holy Saturday**

10pm People of the Parish  
(Romanian)

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 9.30am**

**Easter Sunday** 11am Deceased family & friends (Easter List)

12.30pm Mass in Romanian

**Monday 9.30am**

**Easter Monday** 11am Mass in Romanian

**Tuesday 9.30am**

**Wednesday 9.30am**

**Thursday 9.30am**

**Friday 9.30am**

**Saturday 9.30pm**

6.30pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30am** People of the Parish

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

11am

12.30pm Mass in Romanian

**Intention for the week** ““As we celebrate the ultimate victory Christ won for us on the cross, we pray for victory in all the church's efforts. We pray especially for the protection of all life, and the dignity and wellbeing of all human beings from conception to natural death. Lord hear us”.

**Please pray for those who are sick.**

## **Anniversaries 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> April**

Mrs Irwin, Lydia Pinagli, George Charles, Elizabeth Middleton, Margaret Thouw, Delia Ryder, Gerard Casey, Mrs Martin, Mary Healy, Fr Ronald Roberts, Canon Charles Loughran Mr E Wintermantel, Lena Emblem, Bridget Neary, Patricia Pearce, Des Hannigan, Dennis Croke, Dorothy Hawley, Daniel Dennehy, Thomas Healy.

**Last weekend** Mass attendance was 282. The collection for Aid to the Church in Need – for Gaza was £1,158.78. Thank you very much.

## **Stay In Touch**

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## **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Welcome!! Please introduce yourself to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. Also complete a registration and GDPR form found in the porch and return to the Parish Office once completed.

## **SVP SUPPORT**

If you, or anyone you know in our community, could benefit from support from the SVP please contact the Parish Office (in strict confidence)

## **PARISH OFFICE (IN THE PRESBYTERY)**

The Parish secretary is in the office on Monday afternoons, Wednesday mornings & afternoons and Friday mornings.

**We wish you a holy and happy Easter!**

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