

## Catholic Church of St Anne Line

## Newsletter

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### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

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This Sunday's Gospel

reminds us of the core of Jesus' teaching: love for God and love for neighbour. When the scribe asks which commandment is greatest, Jesus doesn't name only one but binds two together—love of God and love of others. To love God fully is to open ourselves to His love, allowing it to flow through us to others. This love isn't simply a feeling but a deep commitment involving heart, soul, mind, and strength—a complete dedication that transforms our way of seeing and acting.

Jesus affirms that true love for God is inseparable from love for those around us. We cannot truly honour God if we overlook the needs, dignity, and worth of others. The scribe's wise response shows understanding that rituals and sacrifices, though important, are secondary to genuine love. This love transcends actions and becomes a way of life, shaping our choices and relationships.

#### ALL SAINTS

All Saints' Day, celebrated on November 1, is a solemn Catholic holy day honouring all saints in heaven, known and unknown those who have attained the beatific vision in Heaven. Its origins date to 609 AD, when Pope Boniface IV consecrated the Pantheon in Rome to the Virgin Mary and martyrs. Initially observed on May 13, the date was changed to November 1 by Pope Gregory III in the mid-8th century to honour all saints and relics. Pope Gregory IV and Emperor Louis the Pious later established it as a holy day of obligation across the Frankish Empire.

#### HOLY SOULS

November, in the Catholic tradition, is dedicated to remembering and aiding the Holy Souls in Purgatory. This focus begins with All Souls' Day on November 2, when the Church commemorates the faithful who have died but have not yet entered heaven. This day, first formally recognized by St. Odilo of Cluny in 998, spread from Cluny Abbey across Europe, becoming a widely embraced custom within the Western Church by the 14th century. On All Souls' Day and throughout November, Catholics make the Eucharistic Sacrifice, prayers and sacrifices to help purify these souls, believing that acts by the living—known as "suffrages"—can aid the souls in their journey toward the beatific vision of heaven.

The tradition of praying for the dead has its foundation in 2 Maccabees 12:46, where prayer and sacrifice for the deceased are described as holy practices. Early Christians, too, embraced this practice, as evidenced in the Acts of the martyrs and in writings by Church Fathers like Tertullian. Catholics believe that souls in Purgatory, called the "Church Suffering," rely on the prayers and good works of the "Church Militant"—those still living—to aid in their purification. The faithful, therefore, see themselves as spiritually united with the deceased in what is known as the Communion of Saints, a belief that connects all members of the Church, living and deceased, through prayer.

During November, Catholics are encouraged to visit cemeteries and offer specific prayers, known as indulgences, for the souls in Purgatory. By reciting prayers such as the "Eternal Rest" prayer or visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead between November 1 and November 8, Catholics may obtain indulgences to reduce the souls' purification time. The Church also grants plenary indulgences (complete remission of temporal punishment) when the faithful pray in a cemetery each day during the first week of November or visit a church and recite the Creed and the Our Father on November 2. These acts, rooted in

the sacrificial death of Christ, are seen as powerful aids for the souls in Purgatory, as indulgences draw from the Church's "treasury of merit," which includes the virtues and merits of Christ, Mary, and the saints.

## *Fr Barto*

**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), on Saturday evening before the 6.30pm Vigil Mass and on Sunday before the Holy Masses. 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** **Lectionary**

Psalter Week 3  
Sundays Year B: week 31 Ordinary Time

### **2 NOVEMBER**

Holy Mass for the Holy Souls at 9.30am & 6.30pm you are invited to light a candle on the sanctuary for your departed family and friends.

### **NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

There is a box at the back of the Church for the list of names of departed relatives and friends that you would like prayed for. The lists will rest at the altar throughout November. There will be a **second collection** on this weekend for Masses for Holy Souls which will be said throughout the year.

### **ALTAR SERVERS MEETING**

On Sunday 10 November at 4pm in Church

### **SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

First Saturday devotion continues until 7 June 2025 starts from 5:30pm with Adoration, Confession, praying the Rosary, followed by the 6:30pm Mass. During this time you can also have the special presence of the statue of Our Lady in your home. Each Sunday, the statue will be passed to a new household. If you would like to welcome Our Lady into your home, please sign up **for January to March 2025** at the back of the church.

### **BAPTISM COURSE**

3 sessions starting at 6pm Tuesday, November 12. Then at 6pm, on 19 Nov & 26 Nov in the presbytery (7 Grove Crescent).

### **COFFEE MORNING IN THE HALL THIS SUNDAY**

3 November after the 9.30am and 11am Masses.

### **CHRISTMAS HAMPER**

Tickets at £1 on sale from this weekend at all Masses.

### **THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER DAY OF ADORATION for CHRIST THE KING**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** The Church will be opened for adoration from 10am to 7pm, with Holy Mass at 7pm. If you can be in Church for an hour or two between 10am and 7pm, please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church.

### **DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

On Saturday **23 November** from 9.30am to 4pm run by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Please bring a packed lunch. The programme for the day can be found in the porch. The collection during Advent using the red fire extinguisher will be for the causes supported by the Friars.

### **CCP and APPLICATIONS PROCESS – NURSERY & PRIMARY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

In September 2020 the Episcopal Vicar for Education reminded all priests that a Certificate for Catholic Practice can only be issued for a family when the priest has evidence that **they attend Mass on Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation. Fortnightly or monthly attendance does not constitute** the practice required by the Church's Code of Canon Law.

Hand in or post the following to the presbytery in a sealed envelope by **Sunday 1 December**.

- a) Completed initial CCP Information form to be collected this weekend from the porch
- b) A copy of your child's Baptism Certificate
- c) Completed CCP form (the information about your child), printed from

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Certificate-of-Catholic-Practice.pdf>

- d) Make an appointment with the office by email to see Fr Barto to collect the CCP on **Wednesday 11 December** between 4pm and 6pm.

### **MISSIO – RED BOXES & DONATIONS**

If you have forgotten to bring your red box for emptying then please bring it next week. If you would like a red box please ask one of the Welcome Team at Mass or see Mike Eggleton at the coffee morning. You can also donate to Missio via cheque, online, via text or phone or by bank transfer. See details on posters at the back of church, in the porch or find details on our parish website.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Mary Backham who died on Sunday 13 October aged 102. The funeral service is on 12 November at 3pm at the City of London crematorium.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The next session is on **Sunday 10 November** in the hall.

### **JOURNEY OF FAITH (RCIA)**

The course continues on **Tuesday 12 November** with Holy Mass at 7pm finishing at 9pm at St Anne Line. Please email the parish office or Rev. Alan at [alanmair@brcdt.org](mailto:alanmair@brcdt.org).

### **ST ANNE LINE YOUTH SVP**

Calling all those in Years 7-13 – all welcome. The Youth SVP group will be holding its next session on **Friday 15 November**. The theme is FESTIVE FUN with craft, decorations, baking, and music. Session times are from 6:30-9pm in the Parish Hall. For further information, please e-mail [jacinta.balchin@tintabee.co.uk](mailto:jacinta.balchin@tintabee.co.uk).

### **URGENTLY NEEDED**

Donations of bottles for the bottle tombola stall at the Christmas bazaar. Please contact Tina on 07941 227743 if you can help.

### **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. Complete one per child and drop the completed form into the box provided **as you leave Church**.

### **SACRED HEART NOVENA**

First Friday Novena starts at 8.45am with Confession and Adoration. This is on every first Friday of the month until the feast of the Sacred Heart in June 2025.

### **CHRISTMAS NATIVITY**

If you would like your child to be in the nativity please contact Tina on 07941 227 743. Anyone wishing to help please also contact Tina. The next meeting is on **Sunday 10th November** in the hall at 3pm.

### **PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS**

**Afternoon Club** Next meeting will be on Wednesday 6 November at 2pm in the hall.

**Christmas Bazaar** Sunday 17 November 10.30am to 3pm in the hall.



**Children's Christmas party** for Primary School children Sunday 1 December from 2-4pm. Please use this QR code to book. **Closing date 22 November. Cost £6.**

**Christmas Nativity** on 21 December at 3pm.

**Table tennis**. On Fridays 3-5pm in the hall. Contact Liz on 07403

**DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION**  
<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/safeguarding/>

### **PARISH WEBSITE**

There are changes to our menu. Parish Groups and Parish Hall are listed under Parish News; Words of the Holy Father are now listed under Prayer. New pages that are available: Mass Times, Nativity Play, Year of Jubilee (including the new app), Assisted Suicide Bill, Newsletter, First Holy Communion, Confirmation. There is a link to Pope Francis' latest encyclical - Dilexit Nos - listed under Faith in Action. Parish Council Minutes are listed under About Us.

### **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)
- **Please see the notice board for other items required re: Rwanda Mission.**

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

Please also check the notice boards in the porch for other news and information

### Mass Intentions 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> November

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

<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Holy Souls
<b><u>All Souls</u></b>		
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	6.30pm	Fr Barto (Ints)
<b>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B</b>		
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	9.30am	Veronica Wong Ints
	11am	People of the Parish
	12.30pm	Holy Mass-Romanian
<b>Monday</b>		Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7pm</b>	Fr Peter Bretaudeau RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Jennifer Collins (anniv)
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30am	Mrs Cleary (anniv)
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am	Nicholas Reynolds (anniv)
<b>Saturday</b>	9.30am	Gary Colleran RIP
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	6.30pm	Fr Barto (Ints)
<b>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B</b>		
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11am	Dead in the War
<b><u>Remembrance Sunday</u></b>		
	12.30pm	Holy Mass-Romanian

**Intention for the week:** “As the Church has commemorated the Feast Days of All Saints and All Souls these last two days, we ask Almighty God to especially care for all those approaching the end of their lives. May they be granted a peaceful, natural death with dignity and the appropriate palliative care. Lord hear us

**Please pray for those who are sick**

**Anniversaries 4 Oct – 10 Nov**

Agnes Mossey, Stella Long, Sarah Orgill, Latsi Varga, Michael Davis, Kathleen O’Donoghue, Cardinal John Heenan, Canon Charles Carr, Velma Rampersand, Mr Zagon, Mrs B Bingham, Mary McHugh, Joseph Cribb, Michael McDaid, Doris DeLargy, Eugene Carney & Giuseppa Risvegilia

**Last weekend** Mass attendance was 273.

### **Stay In Touch**

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[facebook.com/SALSocialCommitee](https://facebook.com/SALSocialCommitee).  
 Twitter/X - @Stannelinesw

### **Safeguarding Coordinator**

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### **Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator**

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### **LISTEN TO GOD- Lectio Divina**

In the parish hall after Friday morning mass we will be praying Lectio Divina. See our website for details or just come along to find out more.

<https://saintanneline.com/parish-news/lectio-divina/>

### **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 and Friday mornings.

### **Pope's Prayer Intentions:**

**For anyone who has lost a child:** We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

### **Special Request - For peace**

Let us pray together for peace, especially in Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, and Lebanon, so that the escalation may cease. May respect for human life, which is sacred, be prioritised!