

St Anne Line Catholic Church

WELCOME to the weekly newsletter of the Catholic Church of St Anne Line in South Woodford!

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Fr Barto's message of the week

As we welcome the year 2025, a significant Jubilee year for Catholics, we are invited to embark on a profound journey of spiritual renewal, faith, and grace. This year, marked by the theme of "Pilgrims of Faith," calls us to reflect on our pilgrimage through life, drawing closer to God and deepening our relationship with Him. The Jubilee year is a time for introspection, self-assessment, and renewed commitment, offering an opportunity to embrace transformation, healing, and reconciliation.

The celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord, which falls this Sunday, holds special significance in this year of Jubilee. It commemorates the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles, symbolized by the visit of the Magi. As pilgrims of faith, we are reminded that Christ's light shines for all, and we are called to seek Him, just as the wise men followed the star to find the Savior. The Epiphany invites us to reflect on the manifestation of God's love and grace, and how we, as pilgrims, are called to share that light with others.

This year, the Church encourages us to renew our spiritual practices—daily prayer, meditation, and reading of Scripture—strengthening our relationship with God. The sacraments, particularly Reconciliation and Eucharist, offer grace for healing and transformation, while Mass attendance and participation in the life of the Church deepen our connection with the broader faith community.

May 2025 be a year of profound spiritual growth and awakening, as we journey together in faith, guided by the light of Christ, and embracing the blessings of this Jubilee year. On December 29th, on the Solemnity of the Holy Family, Bishop Alan, opened the door of the Cathedral kicking off the Year of Jubilee.

["When pilgrims walk through a Holy Door- a door of faith- we will be astonished about how straightforward our reconciliation with God is- 'Almighty God... in this year of grace...bound to Christ the rock of our salvation, may we happily attain the goal of blessed hope'. [cf Collect from the Mass of Holy Year].

In the Diocese of Brentwood Holy Doors will be opened in
- The Cathedral of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood,
- The National Shrine of Our Lady of Light, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, Clacton,
- Saint Antony of Padua, Forest Gate.]

Taken from "Ad Clerum", 28/24 19 December 2024

Mass Intentions 4th January - 12th January 2025

Saturday 4th

9.30am Fr Barto Ints

6.30pm Teresa McGilloway RIP Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday 5th – Epiphany of our Lord

9.30am Gregory Fung (anniv)

11am People of the Parish

12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

Monday 6th

Private Mass Holy Souls

Tuesday 7th

7pm Sr Consuelo Geldres Carbajal RIP

Wednesday 8th

9.30am Petre Mihaila (health recovery)

11am Funeral Mass – David Gilbert RIP

Thursday 9th

9.30am Anne Morton (anniv)

Friday 10th

9.30am Donald Raecke RIP

Saturday 11th

9.30am Fr Barto Ints

6.30pm Ken & Kay Morton RIP Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday 12th – Baptism of the Lord

9.30am Cath & Alan Mair Ints

11am People of the Parish

12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

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

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.

THANK YOU

As we begin the New Year, I would like once again to thank you for your kindness, help and support.

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y Vigil Mass

Sunday 29th 9.30am Michael Doyle RIP

THANK YOU

It is with great humility and gratitude that we accept a most generous gift of over £1400 to help with our care needs. In the space of a year Motor Neurone Disease has tested our capacity for patience and acceptance. It is only through prayers and love of all who surround us that we continue our journey today uplifted and thankful. Your gift is nothing short of the true face of Jesus brought gently and lovingly to us. What a true gift you have given. May God bless you, keep you safe and full of peace and joy for 2025.

Catherine and Alan Mair

CRIB OFFERINGS

You are encouraged to make donations to Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) through Crib Offerings. Donations can be placed in the fire extinguisher next to the crib.

EPIPHANY BLESSING THIS WEEKEND

Please take a sticker for your front door with the following blessing:

20 + C + M + B + 25. The C M B serves two meanings: The initials of the wise men. The first letters of the Latin phrase: Christus mansionem benedicat (May Christ bless the house).

BLESSING OF HOLY WATER THIS WEEKEND

There will be holy water for you to take home which Fr Barto will be blessing next weekend at all Masses. This can be used to bless your homes.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

Next meeting on Sunday 12 Jan, 4pm in Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next session on Sunday 12 Jan at 3pm in the hall.

BAPTISM COURSE

A series of 3 sessions; starts on **Tuesday 14 January** at 6pm and continues the following 2 Tuesdays after that. Meet in the presbytery (7 Grove Crescent).

HELP NEEDED TO TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

On Friday 10 January after the morning Mass.

SACRED HEART NOVENA

Next First Friday Novena starts at 8.45am with Confession and Adoration on 7 February 2025.

SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Next First Saturday devotion on 1 February 2025 and continues until 7 June 2025 starts at 5:30pm with Adoration, Confession, the Rosary. Each Sunday, the statue will be passed to a new household. If you would like to welcome Our Lady into your home, please speak to Fr Barto.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION – TUESDAY 14 JANUARY

In the parish hall from 7.30pm (after 7pm mass). Do come along if you want to know more.

LECTIO DIVINA

We pray Lectio Divina after morning mass each Friday. Come along and find out more.

THE WORD

For the Year of Jubilee we have begun a special periodical bulletin. You can find the first one here - <https://saintanneline.com/parish-bulletins/>

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2025

On sale in the porch. £3.20. Money to be placed in the wall box.

WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FORMS

Are available in the porch as you enter for the Sacraments, (FHC & Confirmation) and for nursery, primary & secondary Catholic Schools. Complete one per child and drop the completed form into the box provided as you leave Church.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

Please see list of items needed in the porch.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Coffee morning will be on 12 January 2025 after the 9.30am and 11am Masses.

Afternoon Club Next meeting on Wednesday 15 January at 2pm in the hall.

Table tennis. Back after Christmas on 10 January. Contact Liz on 07403 649306.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 277. The collection was £719.673 (£160.00 envelopes, £559.67 loose). The Christmas collection was £2,145.00. The collection for Rev Alan and Cath Mair was £1,349.90 and USD 70.00. Thank you very much.

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PARISH OFFICE (IN THE PRESBYTERY)

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

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 6 Jan – 12 Jan

Mrs Nott, Mrs Turpin, Kenneth Storan, William O'Driscoll, Charles Brightwell, Gregory Shiu-Chow Fung, Canon John Bloomfield, George Teager, Michael Regan, Mrs F H Biss, Charles Booker, Anne Morton, Gertrude Thwaites, Arthur Stritch, Jenny Glynn and Mrs McSweeney.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

David Gilbert who died on 28 November. His funeral will be held here on Wednesday 8 Jan at 11am.

Pope Francis:

For peace and reconciliation - I express my grateful appreciation to all those in the many areas of conflict who work for dialogue and negotiations. Let us pray that the fighting will cease on every front, and that there will be a decisive effort for peace and reconciliation.

Please also check the notice boards in the porch and our parish website for other news and information.

Please use the QR code for your weekly offertory. It is a safe and easy method to donate. Do Gift Aid if you are a Taxpayer.

