

# 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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Baptism of the Lord – Year C

## *Fr Barto's message of the week*

The Feast of the Baptism of our Lord marks the Third Epiphany, revealing Jesus' identity. The first Epiphany is His birth, and the second is the visit of the Magi. His Baptism, which took place at the River Jordan, signifies His transition from the quiet life in Nazareth to the public ministry of proclaiming God's Kingdom. John the Baptist, who preached repentance and baptized, recognized that Jesus had no need for repentance, being sinless. However, Jesus humbly submitted to Baptism, fulfilling God's plan and identifying with humanity's need for repentance.

At His Baptism, the Holy Spirit descended like a dove, and the Father's voice declared, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." This moment affirmed Jesus' divine identity and mission. While John hesitated, feeling unworthy to baptize Jesus, the act of Baptism marked the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and His solidarity with those He came to save.

The Scriptures emphasize that Jesus' mission, as foretold in Isaiah, would be one of gentleness and justice, not force or coercion. The Messiah would not seek to impose His will but rather transform hearts through example and humility.

Jesus' Baptism also prefigures the Holy Spirit's role in the new creation. Through the Spirit, Jesus baptizes humanity into divine life. The event is not just a ritual but the beginning of a profound mission that ultimately heals both body and soul. The Baptism marks a moment of discernment for Jesus, as He embraced His call to bring eternal life to humanity.

*Fr Barto*

### Mass Intentions 11<sup>th</sup> January – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Fr Barto Ints

6.30pm Ken & Kay Morton RIP Sunday Vigil Mass

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> – Baptism of the Lord

9.30am Cath & Alan Mair Ints

11am People of the Parish

12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

Private Mass Holy Souls

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

7pm Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Raul Hermoza RIP

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Bob & Anne Power RIP

#### Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Robert Kirby RIP

#### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Fr Jijo Ints

6.30pm Caroline Sproat Ints Sunday Vigil Mass

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Louis Wong (anniv)

11am People of the Parish

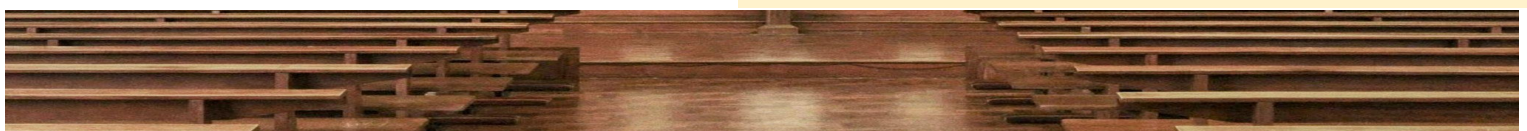
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Exposition of the Blessed Holy Eucharist is at 9am from Wednesday to Saturday. Rosary will be prayed after morning Mass from Wednesday to Saturday.

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.

### SUNDAY of THE WORD OF GOD – 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

**"Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." Pope Francis.**



## **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25 JANUARY 2025**

Woodford Fellowship of Christian Churches will be celebrating the week of Prayer on 19 January 2025 at St Barnabas, Snakes Lane East at 6pm.

**ST ANNE LINE FEAST DAY, SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY - INTERNATIONAL BRING A DISH and SHARE A MEAL NIGHT** to celebrate our Feast Day. Bring a hot or cold national dish to share with others after the 6.30 pm Mass. Contact Tina Marrai on 07941 227743 if you are attending and can help with setting up the hall and clearing up after the event.

### **MASS & VISIT TO TYBURN CONVENT- 27 FEBRUARY**

On Thursday 27 February, the day St Anne Line was executed, there will be Holy Mass at 3pm at the Altar of the Martyr's at Tyburn Convent at 3pm and then a tour of the crypt. There will be a cup of tea after the tour. Tyburn Convent is 6 minutes walk from Marble Arch tube station.

### **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.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Next session is this Sunday, 3pm in the hall. 1<sup>st</sup> reconciliation on Sunday 19 Jan 3pm in Church.

### **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).

### **SACRED HEART NOVENA**

Next First Friday Novena starts at 8.45am with Confession & 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 21 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.

### **WHY DO PEOPLE NO LONGER COME TO CHURCH?**

The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre are hosting a talk by Rev Dr Liam Hayes at New Hall School. The talk, followed by discussion, starts at 7pm on Wed Jan 22nd. Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm. No cost to attend. All are welcome but need to register via the following link

<https://canonesses.co.uk/event/why-do-people-no-longer-go-to-church-wed-22-jan-2025/>

### **CARITAS FILM EVENING – FRIDAY 28 February 2025**

From 6:30-9pm at St Edward the Confessor, Romford RM1 4AT). An inspiring film telling the story of Mary Stretch, formerly a BBC TV & Radio presenter, and founder of the refugee support charity Calais Light. Please book on the website:

[www.tickettailor.com/events/sheerahnetwork/1481185](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/sheerahnetwork/1481185)

### **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.

**International Bring A Dish Evening** on Saturday 1 February from 7.30pm, in the hall.

**Table tennis**. Friday 3-5pm. Contact Liz on 07403 649306.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 228.

## **Get in touch**

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Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100071166102535](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100071166102535)

Diocese of Brentwood website:

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/>



## **YEAR OF JUBILEE**

Please see our web resources - 1) Pilgrims of Hope

<https://saintanneline.com/year-of-jubilee-pilgrims-of-hope/> ; 2) Jubilee Calendar

<https://saintanneline.com/jubilee-year-of-prayer-2025/> ; 3) The Word -

<https://saintanneline.com/parish-bulletins/>

## **YEAR OF JUBILEE APP**

The 'Jubilee25' app can be downloaded to your phones.



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

### **Anniversaries 13 Jan – 19 Jan**

Ethel Bush, Doris Poulain, George Mokrzycki, May Florence Bocking, John Bourk, Giselle Zagon, Molly Scrutton, William and Lucy Brady, Michael Watling, Elizabeth Taylor, Mary Blackman, Emma Aguilar, E Stephenson, John M Brown, B Langhey, Mr Bennett, Gerald Fitzgerald, Neilson Thomas Mcleod, John Doherty, John F Johnson, Clotilda Mary Stewart, Francesco Daoud.

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

The Parish secretary is in the office on

Monday afternoons, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

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

## **Pope Francis prays:**

Good Father, You want all of us to contribute to building a better world, creating bridges instead of walls.

Today, we especially pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by wars, whose rights to education are often threatened, that they may be respected and protected.

**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.**

