

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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Presentation of the Lord – Year C

Fr Barto's message of the week

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, observed this Sunday, celebrates the Holy Family's fulfillment of the Law of Moses by presenting the infant Jesus at the temple, forty days after His birth. Originating in Jerusalem before the 5th century and later adopted by Rome, this feast highlights the encounter between Jesus, Simeon, and Anna. During this event, Simeon praises Jesus as the "light to enlighten all nations," leading to the tradition of blessing candles for prayer. The feast also underscores themes of longing, hope, and fulfillment, reminding Christians of God's promises and the eventual completion of His Kingdom.

The scriptures emphasize freedom from fear, forgiveness of sin, and God's unconditional love. The examples of Simeon and Anna illustrate faithful discipleship, as they patiently awaited the Messiah with prayer, hope, and trust. Anna, dedicated to the temple, and Simeon, guided by the Holy Spirit, represent those who quietly and faithfully wait for God's promise to be fulfilled. Simeon's recognition of the infant Jesus as the Messiah symbolizes the arrival of salvation, leading him to rejoice and depart in peace, knowing God's promise was realized.

The Feast of Saint Anne Line

On February 3rd, we celebrate the feast of Saint Anne Line, an English martyr who gave her life for her Catholic faith during the turbulent times of the English Reformation. She was a widow and mother who courageously supported priests and helped maintain the Catholic faith in a period of severe persecution. Her dedication to Christ and unwavering commitment to her beliefs ultimately led to her martyrdom, making her a powerful example of faith, courage, and sacrifice.

Celebrating the patronal feast of Saint Anne Line is essential for our parish, as it not only honors her memory but also strengthens our identity as a community united in faith. It serves as a reminder of the virtues she embodied—faithfulness, sacrifice, and a deep love for the Church. By commemorating her feast, we deepen our connection to the rich history of our parish and the wider Catholic tradition.

To mark this special occasion, we will transfer the celebration to Saturday, February 1st at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to participate in the Holy Mass and the community gathering afterwards. Please bring a traditional dish to share with others in the parish hall, fostering a sense of fellowship and unity as we come together to honor Saint Anne Line's legacy.

Fr Barto

Mass Intentions 1st – 9th February 2025

Saturday 1st

9.30am Fr Olindo Cramaro RIP

6.30pm David McGilloway (anniv) Sunday Vigil

Feast of St Anne Line Mass

Sunday 2nd – Presentation of the Lord

9.30am Cath, Rev Alan Mair & family

11am People of the Parish

12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

Monday 3rd – St Blaise

9.30am Holy Souls

Tuesday 4th

7pm Valentin Blaj RIP

Wednesday 5th

9.30am Dymphna O'Connor (anniv)

Thursday 6th

9.30am Nuala Heath Ints

Friday 7th

9.30am Pholemena Teo-Wong RIP

Saturday 8th

9.30am Maureen Newland RIP

6.30pm Fr Barto Ints Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday 9th 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am People of the Parish

11am Joan & Alan Hinkins Ints

12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

Exposition of the Blessed Holy Eucharist is at **8.45am** from Wednesday to Saturday. Morning prayer is at **9.10am**. 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.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Joseph Fahy who died last week. Please keep Peggy and the family in your prayers. His funeral will be held here on 14 February at 12.15pm.

David Jarvis who died recently. Please keep Barbara and the family in your prayers. His funeral will be held here on 25 February at 2pm.



CANDLEMAS – SATURDAY 1 FEB & SUNDAY 2 FEB

Please bring along candles if you would like them blessed. If not, there will be candles in Church for you to take away.

ST BLAISE – MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY

Morning Mass will be at 9.30am with blessing of throats.

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 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.

PALM CROSSES

Please bring in the palm crosses from last year so we may burn them and use them on Ash Wednesday. Please place them in the container at the back of the Church.

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

Is for the Lourdes Sick & Helpers Fund to defray expenses for sick pilgrims who otherwise would not be able to make the pilgrimage.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for volunteers to help with the children's liturgy. Please speak to Fr Barto.

THE WORD

For the Year of Jubilee, we have produced our first parish bulletin. There are paper copies available in church.

MARY'S MEALS – Donate your leftover foreign currency & UK coins/notes no longer legal tender. Donations will help provide nutritious school meals to children living in the poorest countries. Collect an envelope from the porch & return it on **Sunday 9 February**.

CRIB OFFERINGS up to 2 FEB

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 in the hall on **Sunday 9 February** 3pm.

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 **8 February 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.

LECTIO DIVINA

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

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.

JUBILEE 2025-PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 30 AUG – 4 SEPT 2025 (6 DAYS)

Fr Sabu the parish priest of Our Lady & All Saints, Basildon is arranging a pilgrimage to the Vatican, Rome, Assist, Padua, Venice & Pisa. Superior 4* Hotel Accommodation. Adults and children over 9 years: £775; Children (2-9 years): £730. Single room supplement £220. For more details, email: frsabupariyadan@brcdt.org. See itinerary in the porch.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025

Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Friday 18 to Friday 25 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: Brentwood Lourdes Pilgrimage - Tangney Tours

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

Please see the list of items needed in the porch.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Coffee morning will be on 9 February 2025 after the 9.30am and 11am Masses.

Afternoon Club Next meeting on Wednesday 12 February at 2pm in the hall.

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

Last weekend Mass attendance was 234. Thank you very much for your collection offerings.

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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 'Jubilee2025' app can be downloaded to your phones.



Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 3 Feb – 9 Feb

Mary Lenihan, Anne Gatheridge, Maurice Leahy, Clare Teresa Anderson, Anne Brinklow, Christopher Winberg, Mr Boyle, Ann Halsall, James Fitzgerald, Charles Edward Deighton, Harry Dennehy, Winifred Galpin, Quido Mittlehener, Mr Peever, Martin Burke, John Smith, Harry Quinn, Margaret Sledmere and Michael Moore.

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.

For the right to an education - Pope Francis

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.

