

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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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year C

Fr Barto's message of the week

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(ZENIT News / Rome, 02.08.2025).- Just weeks of the beginning the Jubilee of Hope, more than 1.3 million pilgrims have crossed the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, marking a powerful start to the Holy Year. The figure, covering the period from December 25, 2024, to February 7, 2025, was announced by Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization, during the presentation of the Jubilee of the Armed Forces at the Vatican. The Holy Year officially began on Christmas Eve when Pope Francis presided over Mass in St. Peter's Square and then performed the solemn rite of opening the Holy Door. This ancient tradition, repeated only once every 25 years—or during extraordinary jubilees—symbolizes a path of renewal and grace for the faithful. Beyond Numbers: The Meaning of the Jubilee Despite the impressive statistics, Archbishop Fisichella emphasized that the success of the Jubilee is not measured in numbers. «What truly matters is what people carry in their hearts,» he stated, underlining that the spiritual impact of the event goes far beyond mere attendance figures. Traditionally, Holy Doors are present in Rome's four papal basilicas: St. Peter's, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls. However, this Jubilee features a unique addition—Pope Francis opened an extra Holy Door in Rebibbia, a Roman prison, as a gesture of inclusion and mercy. A Pilgrimage of Hope By January 7, just two weeks into the Jubilee, Vatican officials had already recorded over 545,000 people crossing the Holy Door of St. Peter's. The growing number of pilgrims reflects a deep longing for spiritual renewal after years of global uncertainty. As the Jubilee of Hope continues throughout 2025, 32 millions more are expected to make their way to Rome, seeking not just tradition but transformation.

<https://zenit.org/2025/02/08/1-3-million-pilgrims-have-already-passed-through-the-holy-door-of-st-peters-in-the-first-weeks-of-the-jubilee/>

Fr Barto

Mass Intentions 15th – 23rd February 2025

Saturday 15th

9.30am

Fr Barto Ints

6.30pm

Domenica Pieroni RIP Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday 16th

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am

Patricia Echverry RIP

11am

People of the Parish

12.30pm

Holy Mass in Romanian

Monday 17th

Maria de Carmen Ints

Tuesday 18th

7pm Holy Souls

Wednesday 19th

9.30am Reynaldo Betancur (anniv)

Thursday 20th

9.30am

Bob & Anne Power RIP

Friday 21st

9.30am

Maria Blaj Ints

Saturday 22nd

9.30am

Fr Barto Ints

6.30pm

Paul Kelly RIP Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday 23rd

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am

Fernando & Veronica Ints

11am

People of the Parish

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.

REST IN PEACE

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.

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.

A WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER – see details in porch

It is an opportunity to take part in a parish-based retreat. Come to the opening session after the 11.30am Mass on Sunday, 9th March at 12.45 p.m. in the Parish Hall at St Thomas of Canterbury.

CAN YOU HELP?

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On Tuesday 25 February at 7.40pm in the hall.

SACRED HEART NOVENA

Next First Friday Novena starts at 8.45am with Confession & Adoration on **7 March 2025**.

SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Next First Saturday devotion on **8 March 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 sign up on the list at the back of the Church. The list for **April to June** is at the back of Church.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Raffle prizes and bottles required. Call Tina on 07941 227 743 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. Complete one per child and drop the completed form into the box provided as you leave Church.

A DAY WITH MARY. see posters in porch for further details

1 March 9.45am-5pm- Westminster Cathedral

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. Please continue to drop off the envelopes to Fr Barto when you come to Mass.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

The Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday 21 June - if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year please let your parish priest know.

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

CONTACTLESS MACHINE AND QR CODE

Please use this machine at the back of Church and the QR code only for [your weekly offertory and retiring collections.](#)

LECTIO DIVINA

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

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

Please see the list of items needed in the porch.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

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

Afternoon Club Next meeting on Wednesday 26 February.

Quiz night Saturday 15 March in the hall.

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

Last weekend Mass attendance was 279. Thank you very much for your collection offerings.

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<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 'Jubilee2025' app can be downloaded to your phones.



Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 17 Feb – 23 Feb

Fr John Joyce, William Doran, Mrs Flower, James Farrell, Joseph Swales, Fr Thomas O'Connor, Fr Archibald O'Brien, Michael Joseph Smyth, Mary Geddes, Jean Hawkins, Ethel Millar, Margaret Bryan, Violet Lilian Walker, Dr Vernon Marks, Christopher Spencer, Miss M Robertson, Francis L Thompson, Ellen Connolly, Olive Canning, Ellen Dodsworth, Gordon McHenry, Pam Jones, Margaret Pollard, Teresa Oggero.

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.

Embrace the wounds of the world

Let us ask the Lord to make our hearts humble and receptive to hear His Word and the cry of our brothers and sisters. May we recognise His presence in the weaknesses and wounds of our world.

Pope Francis

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.

