

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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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year C

Fr Barto's message of the week

In this Gospel passage of 7th Sunday in ordinary time Jesus calls His followers to embrace a radical love, forgiveness, goodness, and prayer, especially toward enemies. He invites us to love with agape, a divine love that seeks the well-being of those who oppose us, reflecting God's boundless grace. Jesus challenges us to transcend human instincts of retaliation, teaching us to offer the other cheek and forgive without measure, just as He forgave from the cross. This forgiveness is not just a moral act, but a spiritual witness to God's mercy and a testimony of discipleship. The Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," calls us to live out active goodness, rising above our natural inclinations to reflect God's generosity and compassion. Such love and forgiveness are impossible on our own; they require the Holy Spirit's presence and strength. In this way, we are called to embody the heart of God, loving and forgiving as He does.

In the Jubilee Year 2025, pilgrimages hold a special significance, inviting us to deepen our faith through sacred journeys. On February 27th, we commemorate the martyrdom of Saint Anne Line, our patron, by embarking on our first pilgrimage to Tyburn Convent, the site of her sacrifice. Saint Anne Line's unwavering faith and courage, even unto death, inspire us to walk in her footsteps and remember her profound love for Christ. This pilgrimage is an opportunity to honour her memory and reflect on the cost of discipleship. Tyburn Convent, near Marble Arch station in London, holds deep spiritual meaning, as it was once the location where many martyrs, including Saint Anne Line, were executed. The Holy Mass will be held in the crypt at 3 pm. All are welcome. The address is: 8 Hyde Park Place, London W2 2LJ

Fr Barto

Mass Intentions 22nd February – 2nd March 2025

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

Monday 24th

Holy Souls

Tuesday 25th

2pm David Jarvis RIP – Funeral Mass

7pm Mary Lynch RIP

Wednesday 26th

9.30am Robert Kirby RIP

Thursday 27th

9.30am Cynthia Luk RIP

Friday 28th

9.30am Mary Villota RIP

Saturday 1st

9.30am Mary Hegarty RIP

6.30pm Fr Thomas Kenny RIP Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday 2nd 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Sidney Robertson RIP

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.

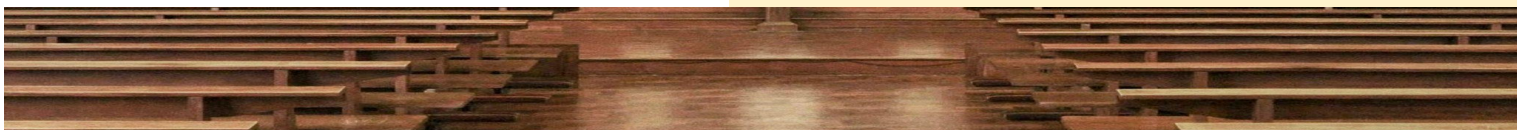
Confession is after weekday morning Mass (Wednesday to Saturday) on Saturday evening before the 6.30pm Vigil Mass and on Sunday before the Holy Masses. Confessions can be heard in English, Italian, Spanish and Romanian.

LECTIO DIVINA

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

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 2025

It is a day of Fasting & Abstinence. Masses are at 9.30am, 7pm and 8pm (in Romanian).

DILEXIT NOS (He loved us)

During this Year of Jubilee we invite all parishioners to read and study together Pope Francis' encyclical Dilexit Nos (He Loved Us). Weekly sessions on Tuesdays in the parish hall after the 7pm Mass from 4th March. At our first session we will look at the Year of Jubilee handbook.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next session on Sunday 2 March at 2pm in the hall.

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.

QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday 15 March 2025

Forms in the porch. Please take one and send completed forms by 10 March and money to Tina Marrai (phone no 07941227743) and not to the office. £12 per person includes snacks. Bring your own drinks and glasses.

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.

MARY'S MEALS – Donate your leftover foreign currency & UK coins/notes no longer legal tender. Collect an envelope from the porch. Please continue to drop off the envelopes to Fr Barto when you come to Mass.

BRENTWOOD PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – 24 May

There are 10 spaces by coach leaving from St Thomas of Canterbury. Cost is £20 per person. If you are interested in going, please see Fr Barto.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

In Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday 21 June - if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year please let your parish priest know.

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.

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 Lunch at the carvery 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 234. Thank you very much for your offertory collection.

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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) 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 24 Feb – 2 March

John Roche, Mr R Kennedy, Patrick Connor, Mgr Jules van Meenan, Mrs J Greer, Michael Cleary, John Lucid, June Cassidy, Francis McGurgan, Esther Prior, Yvonne Garman, Albert Aldiss, F Riley, Joseph Brennan, Hannah Enright, Miss A Comerford, Cecil Farrier, Norah Walls,.

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.

Gratitude and prayer

Thank you for the affection, prayer and closeness with which you are accompanying me in these days, and I would like to thank the doctors and healthcare workers in this hospital for their care: they do such a valuable and tiring job, let us support them with prayer!

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.

