

# 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*

**Pope Francis: Lent calls us to journey together in hope**

By **Lisa Zengarini:**  
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-02/pope-francis-lent-calls-us-to-journey-together-in-hope.html>

The central theme of Pope Francis' Lenten Message is encapsulated in the phrase "Let us journey together in hope," which ties into the broader theme of the Jubilee Year - "Pilgrims of Hope."

The Pope's reflection focuses on conversion and unfolds in three key dimensions: the importance of journeying, journeying together, and journeying with hope.

### **Our life of faith is a journey of conversion**

Recalling the biblical Exodus of the people of Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land, the Pope reminds us that our lives too are a journey—one that should be directed toward God.

This journey is not merely a metaphorical one but involves a constant call to conversion, "to leave behind the occasions of sin" and situations that degrade our human dignity.

Pope Francis, therefore, urges the faithful during this Lenten Season to examine their own lives: are they actively progressing on the path of spiritual renewal or are they held back by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of their comfort zone?

### **The call to journey together: a summons to synodality**

A fundamental aspect of the Lenten Message is the emphasis on community and synodality—the idea that Christians must walk together rather than in isolation.

Pope Francis reminds us, "The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters."

"Journeying together," he writes, "means consolidating the unity grounded in our common dignity as children of God (...) without letting anyone be left behind or excluded."

### **The call to journey in hope**

The third fundamental dimension of the Lenten journey is hope, anchored in God's promise of salvation and eternal life fulfilled in Jesus' Resurrection, the victory over sin and death.

This hope is not abstract but must be lived concretely. Pope Francis invites us to examine whether we truly trust in God's mercy. Do we believe in His forgiveness, or do we fall into the trap of self-reliance? And do we concretely experience the hope that inspires in us "a commitment to justice and fraternity, to care for our common home and in such a way that no one feels excluded?"

Pope concludes by entrusting this journey of hope to the intercession of the Virgin Mary, "Mother of Hope," praying that she may accompany the faithful as we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter.

**The full text can be accessed by clicking on the following link:**

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/2>

## **Mass Intentions 1<sup>st</sup> March– 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>**

9.30am

Mary Hegarty RIP

6.30pm

Fr Thomas Kenny RIP      Sunday Vigil Mass

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.30am

Sidney Robertson RIP

11am

People of the Parish

12.30pm

Holy Mass in Romanian

### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Fr Cesar Peleteiro Ints**

### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

7pm      Holy Souls

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> - ASH WEDNESDAY**

9.30am People of the Parish

7pm      Atal/Singh family Ints

8pm      Holy Mass in Romanian

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am

Fr Peter Bretaudeau RIP

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am

Jerome Philomin RIP

### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am

Maureen Michael RIP

6.30pm

Fr David Barnes RIP      Sunday Vigil Mass

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

9.30am

Maggie Keown

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.

### **Stations of the Cross**

**Every Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass, Friday evenings at 6.30pm and 12pm on Sunday (in Romanian)**

### **LECTIO DIVINA**

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

## ASH WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 2025

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

## LENTEN ALMS & INTENTIONS

Pieces of paper are available at the back of the Church to be placed in the basket at the Sanctuary for our Lenten intentions. We will be donating our Lenten Alms to 'Aid to the Church in Need' for its various projects in the poorest areas. The red fire extinguisher will be used for the collections.

## MISSION RED BOX THANK YOU AND APPEAL

Next weekend we will welcome Fr Philip Amek to give a Red Box Appeal. Thank you to parishioners who already give to Missio, the Pope's charity for World Mission, which supports the Church around the world where it is young and in need.

## 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.

## 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.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next session is this Sunday 2 March at 3pm 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.

## SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

Volunteers needed to help prepare and maintain the raised planters. Plants and shrubs needed too! Please speak to Fr Barto or Damian O'Connor 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.

**The Ursuline Academy Ilford are looking to recruit an Exam Invigilator. Please see school website for further details [The Ursuline Academy Ilford - Vacancies](#)**

## 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.

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## 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

## LENTEN TALKS – BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL

Please see list of talks in the porch taking place on Wednesdays at 7.30pm from 12 March.

**DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS** – please see 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 Meet** in the hall at 2pm on 12 March 2025.

**Cake & table top sale** on Sunday 11 May in the hall

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

Last weekend Mass attendance was 237. Thank you very much for your collection offerings.

## Get in touch

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Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintAnneLine/>

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) 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 3 March – 9 March

Margaret Dennehy, William O'Reilly, Joseph C Thompson, Sylvester Burke, Dominic De Menezes, Francesca Henry, Lucia Rava, Mary Cable, Mervyn Bocking, Canon J Whitfield, Mrs Connolly, Leonard White and Martin Moore, Fr Thomas Lawton, Jack O'Connor, Mary Martin.

## 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.**

## Saint Anne Line

On 27th February we held a parish pilgrimage to Tyburn Convent to honour the memory of Saint Anne Line who was martyred on this day in 1601.

Around 50 parishioners were able to make the pilgrimage journey.

Before mass (at 3pm) we prayed the rosary. After mass we were treated to a talk by Lauren Heithaus of Hidden Catholic Ltd. We will shortly upload some photos to our parish website.

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.

