

# 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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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent – Year C

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

Lent begins with a reflection on the Temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. The Gospel of the first Sunday of Lent recounts Jesus' triumph over temptation. The devil tries to lead Jesus to misuse his power for self-fulfilment, but Jesus resists, remaining to the Father's mission to suffer and die for the salvation of the world. These temptations reveal both his humanity and divinity. This episode teaches us that we, too, can be tempted but, through Jesus, we can triumph over evil, showing the kind of leader he will be.

## *Fr Barto*

### By Patrick Shiel

Around 50 parishioners recently visited Tyburn Convent, located near Marble Arch in London to celebrate mass said by Fr Barto on the feast day of Saint Anne Line.

The convent stands as a solemn and sacred site dedicated to the memory of the English Catholic martyrs who perished for their faith. The convent is near the historic site of Tyburn gallows, where from 1535 to 1681, hundreds of Catholics, including priests and laypeople, were executed under anti-Catholic laws. Many of these martyrs, such as St. Edmund Campion, St. Oliver Plunkett suffered the brutal punishment of being hanged, drawn, and quartered for refusing to renounce their faith. St. Anne Line, a Catholic widow, was arrested and executed in 1601 for harbouring priests, an act considered treasonous under Elizabethan law. One of the convent Sisters detailed the history and relics on show in the crypt where mass was celebrated.

Founded in 1903 by Mother Marie-Adèle Garnier, Tyburn Convent is home to the Benedictine Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a community of cloistered nuns who live a life of prayer, silence, and devotion. Central to their mission is perpetual Eucharistic adoration, with the nuns maintaining a continuous vigil of prayer—24 hours a day, with an extra hour in honour of the martyrs. This unceasing devotion is offered for the Church, the world, and particularly for England, in remembrance of those who gave their lives at Tyburn.

The atmosphere within the convent is one of deep solemnity and reverence. Pilgrims and visitors are welcomed to view the shrine of the martyrs, where relics are venerated, and to partake in the spiritual heritage of the site. The convent stands as a living memorial, its quiet intensity a powerful contrast to the bustling modern city outside, preserving the legacy of faith and sacrifice that once defined Tyburn's tragic history.

## Mass Intentions 8<sup>th</sup> March– 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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

9.30am Maureen Michael RIP  
6.30pm Fr David Barnes RIP Sunday Vigil Mass

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

9.30am 1st Sunday in Lent  
Maggie Keown RIP  
11am People of the Parish  
12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

Holy Souls

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

7pm Emily Chin (In Thanksgiving)

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Mary Lynch RIP

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Bob & Anne Power RIP

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Robert Kirby RIP

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Fr Barto Ints  
6.30pm Sr Patricia Ints Sunday Vigil Mass

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>

9.30am 2nd Sunday in Lent  
Veronica Wong Ints  
11am People of the Parish  
12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

### From Wednesday to Saturday

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 8.45am.**  
**Morning prayer 9.10am.**  
**Holy Rosary 10.00am**

**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, Spanish and Romanian.

**DILEXIT NOS (He loved us)-** We invite all parishioners to read and study together Pope Francis' encyclical - **Every Tuesday at 7.30 pm**

### Stations of the Cross

Every Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass, Friday evenings at 6.30pm and on Sunday (in Romanian) at 12.00pm

### LECTIO DIVINA

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

Sunday 29th 9.30am Michael Doyle RIP

### **MISSIO RED BOX THANK YOU & APPEAL**

This weekend we 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. There will not be a second collection as the appeal is for membership to the Red Box.

### **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.

### **NEXT WEEKEND – RETIRING COLLECTION**

For CAFOD, Lent Fast Day. Please collect an envelope from the porch if you are a Tax payer and would like to gift aid your donation.

### **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 cups.

### **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.

### **SACRED HEART NOVENA**

Next First Friday Novena starts at 8.45am with Confession & Adoration on **4 April 2025**.

### **SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

Next First Saturday devotion this Saturday, **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.

**Loyola Preparatory School**, a Catholic boy's school in Buckhurst Hill, is looking to appoint a **Music & Choir Teacher (part time)** to start in September 2025. For an application pack please telephone 020 8504 7372, email [office@loyolaprepschool.co.uk](mailto:office@loyolaprepschool.co.uk) or see the school website. Closing date for applications is 24/03/25.

### **Trinity Catholic High School**

Teacher of Economics with a TLR, Full time, Easter or September 2025

Teacher of French, Full time, Easter or September 2025

### **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**

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.

### **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 the list of items needed in the porch.

### **PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS**

**Coffee morning** will be this Sunday 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 250. 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 'Iubilaeum25' app can be downloaded to your phones.



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

### **Anniversaries 10 March– 16 March**

Rev. E. Meyer, Ann Van Geller, Mrs Day, Fr Maurice Roche, Mrs Freddie Devereux, Bridget O'Carroll, Thomas Neary, John McNamara, Michael Joy, Catherine Ford, Mary Charley, Tina Pinagli, Cissie Fyfe, Mary Hunt, Mrs K Halpin, Martin Nolan, Anthony Spindler, Kevin Davis and Mrs K Slattery, Mr Spillane, James 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.**

We now have a number of photos from the pilgrimage to Tyburn Convent on our website. <https://saintanneline.com/>  
See Parish Pilgrimage to Tyburn

### **Prayer intention for March**

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

### **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.

