

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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2nd Sunday in Lent – Year C

Fr Barto's message of the week

The Transfiguration of Jesus offers a powerful reflection on transformation and renewal. In each Holy Mass, the bread and wine we offer on the altar are transfigured into the Body and Blood of Christ, reminding us that the Holy Eucharist is a source of heavenly strength. Just as the Transfiguration empowered the apostles in their trials, the Holy Mass serves as our spiritual fortification against temptation and for our Lenten renewal. Lent, a time for self-examination and fasting, invites us to climb our own spiritual "mountain" to experience God's presence more deeply.

Through the Sacraments, we experience personal transformation. Baptism changes us into children of God, while Confirmation makes us instruments of the Holy Spirit. The Sacrament of Reconciliation restores us to grace, continuously transforming us into more faithful disciples. Each of these moments echoes the message of hope and encouragement that Jesus' Transfiguration offers: in times of doubt or despair, we can hold onto the promise of our own transfiguration in Heaven. The voice from the cloud calling Jesus the beloved Son reminds us to listen to Christ and trust in His plan for us.

Lent, with its focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, calls us to step away from the noise of daily life and reach for the "mountain-top" experiences that connect us to God.

This week, two major feasts are celebrated. On March 17th, **St. Patrick's Day** honors Ireland's patron saint, St. Patrick, who spread Christianity in Ireland. The day is marked with the Holy Mass, wearing green, and enjoying Irish tradition.

On March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph celebrates the earthly father of Jesus and husband of the Virgin Mary. Known for his humility and devotion, St. Joseph is a beloved figure in Christianity, with his role as protector and provider for the Holy Family.

Fr Barto

Mass Intentions 15th March– 23rd March 2025

Saturday 15th

9.30am Fr Barto Ints

6.30pm

Sr Patricia Ints

Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday 16th

2nd Sunday in Lent

9.30am

Veronica Wong Ints

11am

People of the Parish

12.30pm

Holy Mass in Romanian

Monday 17th - St Patrick

9.30am Holy Souls

Tuesday 18th

7pm Fr Sean Carroll RIP

Wednesday 19th - St Joseph

9.30am Patricia Carroll RIP

Thursday 20th

9.30am

Monsenor Raimondo Revoredo Ruiz RIP

Friday 21st

9.30am

Jerome Philomin RIP

Saturday 22nd

9.30am

Si Ling Pang (1st anniv)

6.30pm

Rose Cotter Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday 23rd

3rd Sunday in Lent

9.30am

Monica Tamayo Isaza 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.

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

ST PATRICK'S DAY 17 MARCH

Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am. There will be Irish coffee and refreshments in the hall after Mass. All are welcome!

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.

THIS WEEKEND – RETIRING COLLECTION

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

Many thanks to all parishioners who signed up last Sunday to support Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, and also to those who made a donation. If you would like to support Missio either by having a Red Box in your home or by taking out a direct debit please see Mike Eggleton or send email to michaeleggleton1@gmail.com

NEXT WEEKEND – RETIRING COLLECTION

For the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham to raise additional funds for the Jubilee Year.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch, Essex are currently recruiting for a Head Teacher.

https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/2025-03-26_1600_St-Marys-Primary-School-Hornchurch_Headteacher_Job-Advert.pdf

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.

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

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.](#)

CAN YOU HELP?

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

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

Please see the list of items needed in the porch.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Coffee morning will be on 13 April 2025 after the 9.30am and 11am Masses.

Afternoon Club Meet in the hall at 2pm on 26 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 289. Thank you very much for your collection offerings and kind support of Missio.

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

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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 17 March– 23 March

Louise Dale, Alice White, John Jones Irwin, Michael Layden, Margaret Ayer, Brigid McKiernan, Madge Dell, Geraldine Nzekwu, James Lam Kin Teng, Fr Sydney Williams, Edward Burles, Thomas Hodgman, Rozalia Mann, Si-Ling Pang, Canon Arthur Holmes, John Burnham.

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.

Happy Anniversary Pope Francis!

Messages have been flooding in from men, women and children across the globe, believers and non-believers, thanking Pope Francis for the inspiration and guidance he has offered during the past 12 years of his pontificate and wishing him a speedy recovery and good health. The anniversary, on 13 March 2025, comes at a time when the Holy Father is recovering from bilateral pneumonia at Rome's Gemelli Hospital.

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.

