

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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3rd Sunday in Lent – Year C

Fr Barto's message of the week

The 3rd Sunday of Lent calls us to reflect on repentance and conversion. Jesus uses two tragedies—Pilate's slaughter of Galileans and the collapse of the tower in Siloam—to teach the need for spiritual renewal. Both incidents serve as warnings not to speculate on others' guilt but to examine our own lives. Jesus emphasizes that tragedy is not always a result of personal sin, but all are called to repentance to avoid spiritual death. Sin causes spiritual death, while tragedies may be random, yet they are opportunities for self-reflection and turning to God.

Repentance, is a central theme in Jewish tradition and was also the heart of Jesus' message. It involves recognizing sin, feeling remorse, changing behavior, making restitution, and confessing. Repentance is an ongoing transformation, a process of continual conversion and renewal, not a one-time act. Jesus invites all to this radical transformation in their relationship with God.

Jesus also illustrates God's patience through the parable of the barren fig tree, symbolizing Israel. Despite unfruitfulness, God gives chances for repentance.

On March 25th we celebrate The Feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary, that holds deep significance in the Catholic Church. It marks the moment when the Archangel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would conceive Jesus by the Holy Spirit, becoming the Mother of God. This event, known as the "Fiat" or Mary's "yes," represents her complete submission to God's will, embodying faith and obedience. Likewise is the International Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child, a day set aside to pray for the protection of unborn lives and to raise awareness about the sanctity of life from conception. As Catholics, this day serves as a reminder of the dignity of every human life, both born and unborn, and calls for a renewed commitment to safeguarding and nurturing life at all stages

Fr Barto

Mass Intentions 22nd March– 30th March 2025

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

Monday 24th

9.30am Holy Souls

Tuesday 25th Annunciation of the Lord

7pm Robert Kirby RIP

Wednesday 26th

9.30am Fr Peter Bretaudeau RIP

Thursday 27th

9.30am Mary Lynch RIP

Friday 28th

9.30am Irene Wong Ints

Saturday 29th

9.30am Fr Barto Ints
6.30pm Teresa McGilloway RIP **Sunday Vigil Mass**

Sunday 30th 4th Sunday in Lent

9.30am Jeanette Adu-Bobie 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 7.30pm**

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.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

For ALL altar servers including new altar servers, on Sunday 23 March, 4pm in Church.

THIS WEEKEND – RETIRING COLLECTION

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

NEXT WEEKEND- AN APPEAL FROM AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

which is a Pontifical foundation of the Catholic Church. ACN has stepped up its support for Christians in Lebanon, Syria and Holy Land in response to the deepening crisis offering food, medicine, help with education, pastoral programmes and other desperately-needed assistance. War, targeted violence and discrimination and the effects of economic collapse means that many Christian communities are on their knees. If you wish to get involved in the charity, or if you wish to be an ACN volunteer, please contact John Ravi on 07932973650, John.Ravi@acnuk.org or you can go to www.acnuk.org.

EASTER HAMPER

Tickets on sale from this weekend. £1 per ticket. Proceeds for the Church & Hall Maintenance Fund.

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 SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION

View a full-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin. Free admission. Wed 12 March – Mon 21 April at St George's Cathedral Lambeth Road Southwark SE1 7HY. St George's Cathedral is open Monday–Friday from 7:15am–5pm, Saturday from 9am–7pm, and Sunday from 7:30am–7pm.

DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE

Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday Retreat at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Saturday 26 April 2025 from 10am–4:30pm. Contact Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

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

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 258. Thank you for your collection offerings and also the collection for CAFOD Fast Day.

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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 March– 30 March

Fr John Sherlock, Rose Neville, Mr Neary, Mrs J Glendining, Alec Murphy, Patrick De Lary, L. J. Winter, Gertrude Magauran, Michael Hanley, Muriel Lazard, Susan Young, Ann Austin-Hill, Basil White and Harry Dennehy.

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.

Pope Francis: Let us pray for the Church, required to translate into concrete choices the discernment made in the recent Synodal Assembly. I thank the General Secretariat of the Synod, which over the coming three years will accompany the local Churches in this undertaking.

Pope Francis Message for Lent:
<https://saintanneline.com/pope-francis-message-for-lent-2025/>

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