

# 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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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent – Year C

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

On this 4th Sunday of Lent, a time of reflection and renewal, we are reminded that we are pilgrims of hope, journeying toward the embrace of our Heavenly Father. Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on the joyous homecoming of the prodigal son, who discovers the boundless love and forgiveness of his father. This story not only highlights the joy of the repentant son but also the Father's deep celebration of reconciliation, symbolized in the feast, representing our return to God, to community, and to ourselves. Yet, in the elder brother's angry reaction, we are reminded to avoid self-righteousness and pride. Instead, let us follow the humble path of the younger son, acknowledging our sins and opening our hearts to God's mercy. As we approach the Eucharist, let us be transformed by Christ's love, becoming instruments of peace, forgiveness, and healing in our world.

On this 4th Sunday of Lent, which also marks Mothering Sunday, we are called to reflect on the deep connection between motherhood and our spiritual journey. Originally a day to return to the "mother church," Mothering Sunday has evolved to honor the mothers and maternal figures in our lives. In the context of Lent, it invites us to recognize the Church as our spiritual mother, providing care, guidance, and nourishment for our souls. This day also offers a chance to reflect on the Blessed Virgin Mary, the ultimate model of motherhood, whose love, faith, and obedience inspire us in our own vocations. Let us also give thanks for the maternal figures in our lives, expressing gratitude for their sacrifices, love, and support. This Sunday reminds us of the profound gift of both earthly and spiritual motherhood on our journey of faith.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

*Fr Barto*

## Mass Intentions 29<sup>th</sup> March– 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>

9.30am Fr Barto Ints

6.30pm Teresa McGilloway RIP Sunday Vigil Mass

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

9.30am Jeanette Adu-Bobie Ints

11am People of the Parish

12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup>

9.30am Holy Souls

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>

7pm Shelagh Dewhurst (1<sup>st</sup> anniv)

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

9.30am Fr James Che RIP

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

9.30am Shelagh Dewhurst RIP

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

9.30am Shelagh Dewhurst RIP

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

9.30am Ros Matthews Ints

6.30pm Atal/Singh family Ints Sunday Vigil Mass

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

9.30am People of the Parish

11am Anna Mary Nash RIP

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.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Michael Doyle RIP

## **EASTER CARDS**

Please collect a card with details of confession and Mass times.

## **RESURFACING OF PARISH CAR PARK – 31 March to 7 April 2025**

The car park will be resurfaced starting from Monday 31 March and it will be completed on Monday 7 April. During this time, the car park will **NOT** be available.

## **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.

## **THIS 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. If you wish to get involved in the charity, please contact John Ravi on 07932973650, John.Ravi@acnuk.org or you can go to [www.acnuk.org](http://www.acnuk.org).

## **RETIRING COLLECTION – NEXT WEEKEND for EASTER LILIES**

There will be a box to place a list of names of deceased relatives and friends. Their names will be put in a burse before the altar at Easter and Mass will be celebrated for them on Easter Sunday. All donation for Church flowers.

## **BRENTWOOD PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – Saturday 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 email the office or speak to Fr Barto. There will be **NO** morning or Vigil Mass at St Anne Line that day.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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 9 April 2025**

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

**Table tennis. Every Friday 3-5pm but not on 4<sup>th</sup> April. Contact Liz on 07403 649306.**

Last weekend Mass attendance was 258. Thank you for your collection offerings for our parish and for Walsingham Shrine..

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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 'Jubilaeum25' app can be downloaded to your phones.



## **New Web Pages**

New/recent pages on our parish website: Easter Services, Synodality, Missio, Charitable Donations, Pilgrimage to Tyburn, Pope Francis' message for Lent. Also see our Latest Posts page which is updated regularly.

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

## **Anniversaries 31 March– 6 April**

Canon Toft, George Colquhoun, Mrs Irwin, Lydia Pinagli, George Charles, Elizabeth Middleton, Margaret Thouw, Delia Ryder, Shelagh Dewhurst, Gerard Casey, Mrs Martin, Mary Healy, Fr Ronald Roberts, Canon Charles Loughran Mr E Wintermantel, Lena Emblem, Bridget Neary and Patricia Pearce. Des Hannigan, Dennis Croke, Dorothy Hawley.

## **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: United in Prayer for Peace:**

Together, let us pray for an end to wars and for peace, especially in tormented Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Myanmar, Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. (clicktopray.org)

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.

