

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, ANGELUS Saint Peter's Square Sunday, 17 March 2013

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/angelus/2013/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20130317.html

On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Gospel presents to us the episode of the adulterous woman (cf. Jn 8:1-11), whom Jesus saves from being condemned to death. Jesus' attitude is striking: we do not hear words of scorn, we do not hear words of condemnation, but only words of love, of mercy, which are an invitation to conversion. "Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again" (v. 11). Ah! Brothers and Sisters, God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience he has with each one of us? That is his mercy. He always has patience, patience with us, he understands us, he waits for us, he does not tire of forgiving us if we are able to return to him with a contrite heart. "Great is God's mercy", says the Psalm.

In the past few days I have been reading a book by a Cardinal — Cardinal Kasper, a clever theologian, a good theologian — on mercy. And that book did me a lot of good, but do not think I am promoting my cardinals' books! Not at all! Yet it has done me so much good, so much good... Cardinal Kasper said that feeling mercy, that this word changes everything. This is the best thing we can feel: it changes the world. A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just. We need to understand properly this mercy of God, this merciful Father who is so patient.... Let us remember the Prophet Isaiah who says that even if our sins were scarlet, God's love would make them white as snow. This mercy is beautiful! I remember, when I had only just become a bishop in the year 1992, the statue of Our Lady of Fatima had just arrived in Buenos Aires and a big Mass was celebrated for the sick. I went to hear confessions at that Mass. And almost at the end of the Mass I stood up, because I had to go and administer a First Confirmation. And an elderly woman approached me, humble, very humble, and over eighty years old. I looked at her, and I said, "Grandmother" — because in our country that is how we address the elderly — do you want to make your confession?". "Yes", she said to me. "But if you have not sinned...". And she said to me: "We all have sins...". "But perhaps the Lord does not forgive them". "The Lord forgives all things", she said to me with conviction. "But how do you know, Madam?". "If the Lord did not forgive everything, the world would not exist". I felt an urge to ask her: "Tell me, Madam, did you study at the Gregorian [University]?", because that is the wisdom which the Holy Spirit gives: inner wisdom focused on God's mercy. Let us not forget this word: God never ever tires of forgiving us! "Well, Father what is the problem?". Well, the problem is that we ourselves tire, we do not want to ask, we grow weary of asking for forgiveness. He never tires of forgiving, but at times we get tired of asking for forgiveness.

Let us never tire, let us never tire! He is the loving Father who always pardons, who has that heart of mercy for us all. And let us too learn to be merciful to everyone. Let us invoke the intercession of Our Lady who held in her arms the Mercy of God made man.

Fr Barto

Mass Intentions 5th April– 13th April 2025

Saturday 5th – 1st Saturday

9.30am Ros Matthews Ints
6.30pm Atal/Singh family Ints Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday 6th 5th Sunday in Lent

9.30am People of the Parish
11am Anna Mary Nash RIP
12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

Monday 7th – celebrated privately

Holy Souls

Tuesday 8th

7pm Bob & Anne Power RIP

Wednesday 9th

9.30am Yliana Hermoza Yabar RIP

Thursday 10th

9.30am Gianni Campani (anniv)

Friday 11th

9.30am Graham Howes (anniv)

Saturday 12th

9.30am Canon Bernard Scholes RIP
6.30pm Fr Peter Bretaudeau RIP Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday 13th Palm Sunday

9.30am People of the Parish
11am Marrai family Ints
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.

EASTER CARDS

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

RESURFACING OF PARISH CAR PARK

The car park is closed. It will reopen on **Tuesday 8 April**.

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'. The red fire extinguisher will be used for the collections.

RETIRING COLLECTION – THIS 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.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

Please pick up a postcard and post it to your MP to vote against the bill at the Third Reading.

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.

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE – WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL, 7pm

At Our Lady of Lourdes Wanstead. A number of priests will be available to hear Confessions.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING, SUNDAY 13 APRIL, 4pm

For ALL altar servers. Please meet in Church.

EASTER HAMPER

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

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 10am-4:30pm. Contact Millie on 07957594646 if interested

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

From Friday 18 to Friday 25 July. For further information, 'phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: Brentwood Lourdes Pilgrimage - Tangney Tours

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP

Offering a week's holiday for 100 children this summer. For children age 9-12 (school year 5-7), from within the Brentwood Diocese. The direct link for a child's application is: https://Johnbsoco.formstack.com/forms/bosco_child_application_form_2025

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

Please see the list of items needed in the porch. Also require toothbrushes & toothpaste, activity books for kids, pens/pencils/crayons and lollipops for Mission to South Africa in May.

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. Contact Liz on 07403 649306.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 257. Thank you very much for your collection offerings.

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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.



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 7-13 April

Daniel Dennehy, Thomas Healy, Catherine Duggan, Mary Dudley, Fr Thomas Adkins, Mary Abraham, Harry Murphy, Mrs Brennan, Margaret Merkert, Mabel German, Elizabeth Ham, Elsie Carter, Eric Scrutton, James Suckling Peter Connell and Kathleen Blanchfield, Mrs N Mahoney, Helen McCarthy, Pearl Mlynska, John O'Connor.

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.

Trusting in the mercy of God the Father, we continue to pray for peace: in martyred Ukraine, in Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Myanmar, which is also suffering so much because of the earthquake. **Pope Francis**

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