

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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Palm Sunday – Year C

Fr Barto's message of the week

Holy Week: A Journey Through the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ

Holy Week is the most sacred time in the Church's liturgical year, inviting us to reflect deeply on the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It's a week of prayer, repentance, and spiritual renewal, where we are called to unite ourselves more closely to Christ through the richness of the Church's liturgies.

The week begins with **Palm Sunday**, commemorating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Palms are blessed and carried in a procession, followed by the reading of the Passion, reminding us of the sacrifice to come.

The heart of Holy Week is the **Easter Triduum**—three solemn days leading to Easter.

On **Holy Thursday**, we remember the Last Supper, where Jesus instituted both the Eucharist and the Priesthood. In a moving gesture, the priest washes the feet of twelve men, echoing Christ's humility. The Blessed Sacrament is then transferred in a solemn procession, symbolizing Jesus' journey to the Garden of Gethsemane.

On **Good Friday**, we commemorate the crucifixion. At 3 p.m., a service is held where we venerate the Cross, honoring Jesus' sacrifice. No Mass is celebrated; instead, we receive Communion reserved from Holy Thursday.

Holy Saturday is a day of silent vigil, waiting in hope for the Resurrection. That night, the Easter Vigil proclaims Christ's victory over death and the opening of heaven to humanity.

To truly live Holy Week, we must accompany Jesus with prayer, penance, and a contrite heart—so we may die to sin and rise with Him on Easter Sunday.

Fr Barto

Mass Intentions 12th April– 20th April 2025

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

Monday 14th

9.30am Benjamin Muneton (anniv)

Tuesday 15th

9.30am Holy Souls

Wednesday 16th

7pm Srs Patricia & Immaculata Ints

Thursday 17th *Maundy Thursday*

7.30pm Lenten Intentions

Friday 18th *Good Friday*

3pm The Passion of the Lord

7pm The Passion of the Lord (Romanian)

Saturday 19th *Holy Saturday*

12pm Blessing of Food

7.30pm People of the Parish

10pm People of the Parish (Romanian)

Sunday 20th *Easter Sunday*

9.30am Rev Alan Ints

11am Deceased Parishioners/Friends

12.30pm Deceased Parishioners /Friends (Romanian)

Maundy Thursday to Holy Saturday

9.15am Office of Readings

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

On Tuesday after the 9.30am Mass, and on Good Friday at 11.15am Family Stations of the Cross.

12pm Joint Churches Passion on George Lane

CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE for HOLY WEEK

Morning Mass will be celebrated on Monday and Tuesday at 9.30am and on Wednesday, Mass will be at 7pm and not 9.30am as Fr Barto will be attending the Chrism Mass at Brentwood Cathedral.

Please take an Easter card home with you which has details of Mass and Confession times.

THANK YOU

To all the parishioners for your understanding and patience last week when the car park was closed. This project would not have been possible without the legacy left by Tony Ogdin, Bestco who carried out the works and last but not least Damian O'Connor who coordinated the whole project.

EASTER LILIES

There is 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.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS NEXT WEEK

Good Friday – for Holy Places

Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday – as is customary within the Diocese, this will be your Easter Gift to the Parish priest.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING. SUNDAY 13 APRIL. 4pm

For ALL altar servers. Please meet in Church

HELP NEEDED

Fr Barto is looking for volunteers to have their feet washed on Maundy Thursday. Please speak to Fr if you can help.

BRENTWOOD PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – Saturday 24 May

There are 5 spaces left on the 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 – LAST CHANCE TO BUY A TICKET THIS WEEKEND

Tickets on sale 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.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION AFTERNOON– 27 APRIL

At St John Vianney, Clayhall, Starting at 1pm and ending with Mass at 5pm, Bishop David Waller will give the homily. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome at St John Vianney Catholic Church, 1 Stoneleigh Road, Clayhall IG5 0HE. Parking available, nearest TfL station Gants Hill, buses 123 and 179 pass nearby,

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://Johnbosco.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 Wednesday 23 April 2025.

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

Table tennis. Every Friday 3-5pm but not on 18 April. Contact Liz on 07403 649306.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 263. Thank you very much for your collection offerings and also for the collection for Easter Lilies..

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YEAR OF JUBILEE

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, Bishop Alan's Pastoral Letter, Lived Experience of Catholic Families Survey, the story of Saint Anne Line (see under Parish Information). Also see our Latest Posts page which is updated regularly.

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 14-20 April

Fr Owen Fitzgerald, Thomas Duggan, John Joseph Moloney, Benjamin Muneton Torres, Fr William Donelan, Agnes Robinson, Margaret Foot, Fr George Duckett, Brendan McCaffrey, Mrs V Lambert, Phylis Math, Maura Hutchinson, Sr Ignatius, Peter Pallett, S Smith, Edna Ventners.

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.

Repair Cafe

The Repair café movement is growing locally and there are two coming up soon Wanstead Repair Café at Christchurch this Saturday 12th April and South Woodford Repair café at Woodford Memorial Hall on 26th April

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.

