

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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Easter Sunday – Year C

Fr Barto's message of the week

THE EXULTET

<https://brooklyncathedral.org/announcements/from-the-administrator-the-exultet>

The Exultet, also known as the Easter Proclamation, is an ancient and profound hymn sung during the Easter Vigil in the Roman Catholic Church. This solemn and joyous proclamation is one of the highlights of the Easter celebration, announcing the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Exultet's rich history, poetic language, and theological significance make it one of the most cherished and revered elements of the Easter liturgy.

The text of the Exultet is attributed to Saint Ambrose, the 4th-century bishop of Milan, although its exact authorship remains uncertain. The hymn is a poetic and theological masterpiece, blending elements of scripture, liturgy, and ecclesiastical tradition. Its language is both exalted and evocative, capturing the profound joy and awe of the resurrection.

The hymn was traditionally sung by a deacon or a priest as part of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night leading into Easter Sunday.

The Easter Vigil is the most important and solemn celebration in the liturgical year, commemorating the resurrection of Christ and the culmination of the Paschal Mystery.

The Exultet is divided into several sections, each with its own thematic focus. The hymn begins with an invitation to the heavenly hosts, the earth, and the entire Church to rejoice in the resurrection of Christ. This opening section sets the tone for the rest of the hymn, emphasizing the universal significance of the resurrection and its impact on all creation.

The next section of the Exultet recounts the events of the Paschal Mystery, from the creation of the world to the resurrection of Christ. This narrative underscores the continuity between the Old and New Testaments, highlighting the fulfillment of God's promises in the person of Jesus. The hymn also emphasizes the role of the Paschal Candle, a central symbol of the Easter Vigil, which represents the light of Christ dispelling the darkness of sin and death.

One of the most striking features of the Exultet is its rich use of imagery and symbolism. The hymn uses a variety of metaphors and poetic devices to convey the theological depth and beauty of the resurrection.

The Exultet also reflects the communal and sacramental dimensions of the Easter celebration. The hymn emphasizes the role of the Church as the gathered people of God, who participate in the mystery of the resurrection through the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. The faithful are invited to offer their praise and thanksgiving, joining their voices with those of the angels and saints in a cosmic chorus of joy.

In this Jubilee Year, we are invited to experience the profound joy of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As pilgrims of hope, we walk the sacred path with hearts filled with anticipation and gratitude. The Resurrection is not just a past event, but a living promise of new life, renewal, and divine love. Through His victory over death, Jesus calls us to rise with Him, shedding all fear and despair. This year, let us embrace the hope He offers, deepening our faith and joy as we journey towards eternal life in His glorious light.

Happy and Blessed Easter!

Christ is risen! Truly he is risen! Alleluia!

Mass Intentions 19th April– 27th April 2025

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)

Monday 21st Easter Monday

9.30am Anna Risveglia Ints

11am Holy Mass in Romanian

Tuesday 22nd

9.30am Fr Peter Bretaudeau RIP

Wednesday 23rd

9.30am Robert Kirby RIP

Thursday 24th

9.30am Caroline & James Harmer (wedding anniv)

Friday 25th

9.30am Balchin family Ints

Saturday 26th Sunday Vigil Mass

9.30am Fr Barto Ints

6.30pm Teresa McGilloway RIP

Sunday 27th Divine Mercy

9.30am People of the Parish

11am Domenica Pieroni RIP

12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

From Thursday 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 – **Restarts on 29 April 2025.**

LECTIO DIVINA

We pray Lectio Divina after morning mass each Friday. Come along and find out more.

THANK YOU

A very big thank you to everyone who helped to make the church beautiful this Easter. Particular thanks to Rev Alan, the servers, the choir, readers, flower arrangers, cleaners, gardeners and the stewards.

COLLECTION EASTER SUNDAY

By long standing custom in the Diocese of Brentwood, this is your gift to the parish priest. For those who are taxpayers and might wish to Gift Aid their offering, there are **envelopes** available in the porch.

IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Non-Catholics and those not practising their Faith may come for a blessing at Holy Communion time if they wish. Please indicate by crossing both arms across your chest.

HOLY MASSES DURING EASTER WEEK

Holy Masses will be celebrated at 9.30am. There will be no 7pm Mass on Tuesday.

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 DRAW

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the Easter draw. A total of £370 was raised for the Parish maintenance fund. A huge thank you to Tina Marrai for organising the draw. The list of winners is in the porch – if you have not collected the prize please see Fr Barto.

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 or would like to attend as a family, please let Fr Barto 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

BRENTWOOD URSULINE – 125th ANNIVERSARY

To mark our 125th anniversary, we invite past and present staff and students to attend an anniversary Mass at Brentwood Cathedral at 11.15am on Saturday 26th April 2025, followed by a community celebration at Brentwood Ursuline, from 1pm-5pm. For further details and to book a place at the event, please refer to the school's website:
www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20-22 June
www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983

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.

REPAIR CAFÉ, 26 April, 10am – 1pm

At Woodford Memorial Hall. Free event – please see details in porch.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

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. Contact Liz on 07403 649306.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 209. Thank you very much for your collection offerings.

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<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 'jubilee25' 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 21-27 April

Mrs A Wintermantel, Fr Michael Enright, Canon Thomas Smith, James Dowdell, Jane Kenny, Brigid Booth, Amaglia Della Maestra, Agnes Suckling, Giorgio Polledri, Mary Farrell, Fr Simon Sullivan, Miss M Wakefield, Eileen Whitaker, John Leslie Harland, Fr Myles O'Reilly, Reginald Allison, John Woodbyrne, Thelma Kennif, Mr Greenwood, Mr Bernard Davies,.

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.

CLICK TO PRAY

Daily prayers with Pope Francis' Worldwide Prayer Network.

Download the App for Android or iPhone, or alternatively view online at 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.

