

St Anne Line Catholic Church

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Divine Mercy Sunday – Year C

Fr Barto's message of the week

Pope Francis in his own words: 12 key quotes that defined his 12-year pontificate

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Hope

In his first encyclical letter **Lumen Fidei**, Pope Francis said faith in Jesus Christ helps one to joyfully live life “on wings of hope.”

Constantly encouraging people to turn to God, the Holy Father opened the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope writing in **Spes Non Confundit**: “Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God’s love ... The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope.”

Mercy

Pope Francis often said that God’s style is one of “**closeness, mercy, and tenderness.**”

Exactly two years before closing the **Jubilee Year of Mercy**, the Holy Father penned his first papal apostolic exhortation **Evangelii Gaudium** on the 2013 solemnity of Christ the King, writing: “Let me say this once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.”

Joy

As the first pontiff in history to criticize “sourpusses” in a papal document, Pope Francis reiterated the evangelical importance of joy, a fruit of the Holy Spirit, in **Evangelii Gaudium**.

Love for the poor

Choosing the name “Francis” in honor of St. Francis of Assisi was a powerful signal to the world that the pope wanted a “Church which is poor and for the poor!”

Migrants and refugees

In 2016, Francis instituted the Vatican’s **Dicasterly for Promoting Integral Human** Development and called on Catholics worldwide in 2020, through **Fratelli Tutti**, to open their arms to those affected by war, persecution, poverty, and natural disasters.

Environment and climate change

Pope Francis spoke in Catholic and secular venues about the detrimental impacts of a “throwaway culture” perpetuated by unscrupulous profiteering and rampant consumerism. Having written two key documents — including **Laudate Deum** — dedicated to the care for God’s creation, he wrote in **Laudato Si** in 2015

Pets vs. people

The pope was a strong believer that pets should never replace children.

Marriage and family life

Among several practical pearls of wisdom for families Pope Francis told newlyweds in 2016 that the words: “**May I?**”, “**Thank you,**” and “**I’m sorry**” are key to maintaining peace in the home.

“May I give you a piece of advice: Never end the day without making peace.”

Youth and the elderly

The pope instituted the **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** amid the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021, he said: “The future of the world depends on this covenant between young and old. Who, if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly and make them come true? Yet for this to happen, it is necessary that we continue to dream.”

Synodality

The Argentinian pope often said he preferred a Church that goes out into the world even if “**bruised, hurting, and dirty because it has been out on the streets.**”

Popular piety: Our Lady, St. Joseph, and the Heart of Jesus

Pope Francis was known to love the simple faith and devotion of the people. His own childlike affection for Mary, the Mother of God, and St. Joseph was evident to millions. (continues over to the right)

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However, the pontiff’s belief in the power of popular piety reached its climax in his last and lengthy encyclical letter, **Dilexit Nos**, in which he wrote: “The flames of love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus also expand through the Church’s missionary outreach, which proclaims the message of God’s love revealed in Christ ... As we contemplate the Sacred Heart, mission becomes a matter of love.”

Food

The Church’s first Latin American pope understood the importance of physical and spiritual nourishment.

Besides sharing lessons learnt from his favorite movie, “Babette’s Feast,” the pope would always tell those who prayed the Sunday Angelus with him to “have a good lunch!”

In **Dilexit Nos**, the Holy Father stressed just how important culinary traditions are for family life.

Fr Barto

Mass Intentions 26th April– 4th May 2025

Saturday 26th Sunday Vigil Mass

9.30am William Hale RIP

6.30pm Teresa McGilloway RIP

Sunday 27th Divine Mercy

9.30am Our Holy Father, Pope Francis

11am Domenica Pieroni RIP

12.30pm People of the Parish (in Romanian)

Monday 28th (celebrated privately)

Holy Souls

Tuesday 29th

2pm Funeral Mass – William Hale RIP

7pm Holy Souls

Wednesday 30th

9.30am Myles O’Malley (10th anniv)

Thursday 1st

9.30am Toia Tanda (annv)

Friday 2nd

9.30am Denis Collins RIP

Saturday 3rd Sunday Vigil Mass

9.30am Fr Barto Ints

6.30pm Muneton family Ints

Sunday 4th 3rd Sunday of Easter

9.30am Si Ling Pang RIP

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**

THANK YOU

Many thanks again to those who made the church a beautiful place to welcome the Risen Lord this Easter. My grateful thanks to you for your generosity in the Easter collections, your gifts and the lovely Easter cards.

HOLY MASS FOR OUR HOLY FATHER

Holy Mass for the repose of the soul of our Holy Father will be celebrated by Bishop Alan in the cathedral on Sunday 27 April at 11.30am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

William Hale, father of Fr Kevin Hale, Vicar General of the Diocese who died recently. His funeral will be held here on Tuesday 29 April at 2pm. May he rest in peace.

FR BARTO ON RETREAT

Please welcome Fr Philip Amek who will be here in the presbytery from Tuesday 29 April evening to Friday 2 May while Fr Barto goes on retreat.

BRENTWOOD PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – Saturday 24 May

There are no more spaces on the coach leaving from St Thomas of Canterbury. There will be **NO** morning or Vigil Mass at St Anne Line that day.

OUTDOOR MASS AT ST ANNE LINE – 18 MAY, 11am

We will be celebrating the first ever outdoor Mass in the parish garden followed by a picnic (weather permitting) on 18 May at 11am for both English and Romanian congregations. There will be no 9.30am Holy Mass that morning.

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

For CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Cakes for the Cake & Table top Sale on Sunday 11 May and bottles and Raffle prizes for Parish Social events.

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.

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. 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

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.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Afternoon Club Meet in the hall at 2pm on Wednesday 7 May 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 419. 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 'lubilaum25' app can be downloaded to your phones.



New Web Pages

New/recent pages on our parish website: Pope Francis Urbi et Orbi Blessing Easter 2025; Lived Experience of Catholic Families Survey (see under Parish New & Events); the story of Saint Anne Line (see under Parish Information); Charitable Donations (see under Faith in Action). Latest Posts page.

Please pray for those who are sick

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Anniversaries 28 April- 4 May

Kathleen White, Norah Bush, Fr Brian O'Higgins, Nora Carney, Elisabeth Blanchfield, Mr & Mrs Power, D Hawkins, Dr Kyndt, Peter Hurley, John Kavanagh, Fr John Kennedy, Mary Biss, Eric Harding, Canon Thomas Norris, Fr A Robertson AA, Fr Fergus Saurin, Paul Crick.

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.

Friday 2nd May: First Friday Lunch in the Gwinnell Room (St Marys) 12.30 to 2pm - home made soups with crusty bread, cheese & cold savouries, hot puddings, tea and coffee. Suggested cash donation £5, All welcome. No booking required.

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.

