

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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3rd Sunday of Easter – Year C

Message of the week

As we enter the Month of May it is useful to remind ourselves that it is also the month of Our Lady and of the Rosary. The Rosary is a meditative prayer based on Scripture. When we pray the Rosary, we ask Mary to pray for us as we seek to grow closer to her son Jesus by contemplating His life, death, and Resurrection.

In his 2002 apostolic letter [Rosarium Virginis Mariae](#), Pope John Paul II wrote that with the Rosary, “the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love.”

The Rosary remains an important prayer today. In May 2022, Pope Francis [called on Christians](#) to pray “the Holy Rosary for peace” in response to the war in Ukraine. In November 2022, Archbishop Cordileone of San Francisco [invited](#) the faithful to pray a “Rosary for Peace” on Election Day. [In May 2024](#), he again called on people to pray the Rosary in the face of wars in different parts of the world.

In 2025, Bishop William Mack of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee [approved](#) the Hopeful Mysteries of the Rosary, a local offering aiming to give hope to the faithful at a time when the world seems to badly need it. The five Hopeful Mysteries are the mystery of Creation, the mystery of the Great Flood, the mystery of the Exodus, the mystery of Abraham’s Sacrifice and the mystery of the [Immaculate Conception of Mary](#).

Pope Francis stated that “the Rosary is a prayer that always accompanies me; it is also the prayer of the ordinary people and the saints ... it is a prayer from my heart.” In this month of May may we too use the rosary to accompany us and to pray for a troubled world.

Rev Alan

Mass Intentions 3rd May– 11th May 2025

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

Monday 5th (celebrated privately)

Holy Souls

Tuesday 6th

7pm Holy Souls

Wednesday 7th

9.30am Michael Wong Ints

Thursday 8th

9.30am Bob & Anne Power RIP

Friday 9th

9.30am John Sweeney (recovery)

Saturday 10th Sunday Vigil Mass

9.30am Fr Barto Ints

6.30pm Michael Eggleton Ints

Sunday 11th 4th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Alfred Vidolich 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**

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 6 May 2025.

LECTIO DIVINA

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

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 no 9.30am Holy Mass that morning.

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

For CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal.

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

For the promotion of Vocations. The retiring collection supports the education and formation of our seminarians in this Diocese. Please pray for Vocations and for those training for the priesthood.

SUMMER BBQ – SATURDAY 5 JULY

We urgently need **many** more volunteers for the Summer BBQ to go ahead this year. If you can spare some time to help in any way please contact Tina on 07941 227 743.

DONATIONS NEEDED

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

FUNDRAISING CAKE & TABLE TOP SALE

On Sunday 11 May after 9.30am Morning Mass to 2pm. Please bring cash. All are welcome!!

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.

ONLINE BOOK OF CONDOLENCE

The Bishops Conference has set up an online book of condolence for Pope Francis on:

<https://popefrancistributes.com/>

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL – LESS THAN 2 WEEKS LEFT

Report Stage of the assisted suicide Bill is 16 May. It is vital that you contact your MP urgently about this issue. Please take action now and visit [//www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote) to email your MP - it takes just 30 seconds! If you have the time, please also visit your MP - you can arrange a meeting now by visiting [//www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/meetyourMP)

CONCELEBRATED REQUIEM MASS

At St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 on Monday 14th July 2025 at 11.30am

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Throughout the Easter period we read each day in the Liturgy from the Acts of the Apostles. Talks by Fr Adrian Gaffy, parish priest of Gidea Park, are available on www.whatgoodnews.org . Please go to 'Faith Talks' and scroll down to 'Acts of the Apostles' and 'Paul in Acts'.

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.

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

Table tennis. Every Friday 3-5pm. Contact Liz on 07403 649306.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 265. 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 ' Jubilaeum25' app can be downloaded to your phones.



New Web Pages

We have new page on our parish website: Pope Francis - this contains his Urbi et Orbi Blessing for Easter 2025; and a reflection by Cardinal Vincent Nichols on the pontificate of Pope Francis.

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 5 May – 11 May

Canon Patrick Palmer, Canon Basil Booker, Isabella Burton, Mary Brahma, Edward Thomas Craft, Kathleen Magauran, Fr John O'Callaghan, Mary O'Sullivan, Mrs B Moloney, Mrs Kathleen Fitzgerald, Tony Watson, Jack Pont, Canon Brian Grady, Richard Byrne, Mary Lynch, Fr Augustine Davidson, Mgr John Howell, Fr John Boyle, Fr Stanley Joynes, Marcel Chu, Robert Power.

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.

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized

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.

