

St Anne Line Catholic Church

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Message of the week

Biography of Pope Leo XIV, born Robert Francis Prevost

By Vatican News

The first Augustinian Pope, Leo XIV is the second Roman Pontiff - after Pope Francis - from the Americas. Unlike Jorge Mario Bergoglio, however, the 69-year-old Robert Francis Prevost is from the northern part of the continent, though he spent many years as a missionary in Peru before being elected head of the Augustinians for two consecutive terms.

The new Bishop of Rome was born on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, to Louis Marius Prevost, of French and Italian descent, and Mildred Martínez, of Spanish descent. He has two brothers, Louis Martín and John Joseph.

He spent his childhood and adolescence with his family and studied first at the Minor Seminary of the Augustinian Fathers and then at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, where in 1977 he earned a Degree in Mathematics and also studied Philosophy.

On September 1 of the same year, Prevost entered the novitiate of the Order of Saint Augustine (O.S.A.) in Saint Louis, in the Province of Our Lady of Good Counsel of Chicago, and made his first profession on September 2, 1978. On August 29, 1981, he made his solemn vows.

The future Pontiff received his theological education at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. At the age of 27, he was sent by his superiors to Rome to study Canon Law at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum).

In Rome, he was ordained a priest on June 19, 1982, at the Augustinian College of Saint Monica by Archbishop Jean Jadot, then pro-president of the Secretariat for Non-Christians, which later became the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and then the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue.

Prevost obtained his licentiate in 1984 and the following year, while preparing his doctoral thesis, was sent to the Augustinian mission in Chulucanas, Piura, Peru (1985–1986). In 1987, he defended his doctoral thesis on "The Role of the Local Prior in the Order of Saint Augustine" and was appointed vocation director and missions director of the Augustinian Province of "Mother of Good Counsel" in Olympia Fields, Illinois (USA).

The following year, he joined the mission in Trujillo, also in Peru, as director of the joint formation project for Augustinian candidates from the vicariates of Chulucanas, Iquitos, and Apurímac.

Over the course of eleven years, he served as prior of the community (1988–1992), formation director (1988–1998), and instructor for professed members (1992–1998), and in the Archdiocese of Trujillo as judicial vicar (1989–1998) and professor of Canon Law, Patristics, and Moral Theology at the Major Seminary "San Carlos y San Marcelo." At the same time, he was also entrusted with the pastoral care of Our Lady Mother of the Church, later established as the parish of Saint Rita (1988–1999), in a poor suburb of the city, and was parish administrator of Our Lady of Monserrat from 1992 to 1999.

In 1999, he was elected Provincial Prior of the Augustinian Province of "Mother of Good Counsel" in Chicago, and two and a half years later, the ordinary General Chapter of the Order of Saint Augustine, elected him as Prior General, confirming him in 2007 for a second term.

In October 2013, he returned to his Augustinian Province in Chicago, serving as director of formation at the Saint Augustine Convent, first councilor, and provincial vicar—roles he held until Pope Francis appointed him on November 3, 2014, as Apostolic Administrator of the Peruvian Diocese of Chiclayo, elevating him to the episcopal dignity as Titular Bishop of Sufar.

He entered the Diocese on November 7, in the presence of Apostolic Nuncio James Patrick Green, who ordained him Bishop just over a month later, on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in the Cathedral of Saint Mary.

His episcopal motto is "In Illo uno unum"—words pronounced by Saint Augustine in a sermon on Psalm 127 to explain that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one.

On September 26, 2015, he was appointed Bishop of Chiclayo by Pope Francis. In March 2018, he was elected second vice-president of the Peruvian

Episcopal Conference, where he also served as a member of the Economic Council and president of the Commission for Culture and Education.

In 2019, Pope Francis appointed him a member of the Congregation for the Clergy (July 13, 2019), and in 2020, a member of the Congregation for Bishops (November 21). Meanwhile, on April 15, 2020, he was also appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Peruvian Diocese of Callao. Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops

On January 30, 2023, the Pope called him to Rome as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, promoting him to the rank of Archbishop.

Pope Francis created him Cardinal in the Consistory of September 30 that year and assigned him the Diaconate of Saint Monica. He officially took possession of it on January 28, 2024.

As head of the Dicastery, he participated in the Pope's most recent Apostolic Journeys and in both the first and second sessions of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on synodality, held in Rome from October 4 to 29, 2023, and from October 2 to 27, 2024, respectively.

Meanwhile, on October 4, 2023, Pope Francis appointed him as a member of the Dicasteries for Evangelization (Section for First Evangelization and New Particular Churches), for the Doctrine of the Faith, for the Eastern Churches, for the Clergy, for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, for Culture and Education, for Legislative Texts, and of the Pontifical Commission for the Vatican City State.

Finally, on February 6 of this year, the Argentine Pope promoted him to the Order of Bishops, granting him the title of the Suburbicarian Church of Albano.

Three days later, on February 9, he celebrated the Mass presided over by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square for the Jubilee of the Armed Forces, the second major event of the Holy Year of Hope.

During the most recent hospitalization of his predecessor at the "Gemelli" hospital, Prevost presided over the Rosary for Pope Francis's health in Saint Peter's Square on March 3.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/biography-of-robert-francisc-prevost-pope-leo-xiv.html>

Fr Barto

Mass Intentions 10th May– 18th May 2025

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

Monday 12th (celebrated privately)

Mary Lynch (anniv)

Tuesday 13th

7pm Anna Enkanaus Ints

Wednesday 14th

9.30am Holy Souls

Thursday 15th

9.30am Fr Peter Bretaudeau RIP

Friday 16th

9.30am Balchin family Ints

Saturday 17th Sunday Vigil Mass

9.30am Ros Matthews Ints

6.30pm Muneton family Ints

Sunday 18th 5th Sunday of Easter (Common Home Outdoor Mass)

11am People of the Parish

OUR COMMON HOME OUTDOOR MASS & BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC – 18 MAY, 11am

We will be celebrating the first ever outdoor Mass in the parish garden followed by a picnic (weather permitting) for both English and Romanian congregations. Please bring your own picnic and do take away the rubbish. There will no 9.30am and 12.30pm Holy Masses that day.

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, or the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood for our diocese and for those currently training for the priesthood. The retiring collection supports the education and formation of our seminarians.

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.

FUNDRAISING CAKE & TABLE TOP SALE

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

DONATIONS NEEDED

Bottles and raffle prizes for Parish Social events.

BRENTWOOD PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM – Saturday 24 May

There will be **NO** morning or Vigil Mass at St Anne Line that day.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

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 <http://www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote> to email your MP.

DILEXIT NOS (He loved us)

We invite all parishioners to read and study together Pope Francis' encyclical on Tuesday after evening Mass in the hall.

LECTIO DIVINA

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

CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP MASS

On Sunday 18 May at 3pm, in Our Lady of Lourdes Wanstead. All are welcome.

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 Graffy, 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 21 May 2025

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

Last weekend Mass attendance was 228. Thank you very much for your main collection and the CAFOD Myanmar 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.



Brentwood Caritas

Upcoming zoom meetings in May - Environment: Tuesday 13th; Homeless/Cost of Living: Wednesday 14th; Refugees & Migrants: Thursday 15th. All meetings are via Zoom at 6.30pm. See Parish News on our website for details including Zoom link. <https://saintanneline.com/parish-events-2/>

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 12 May – 18 May

John Gibbons, Hugh Vincent, Anna Spieglehalter, John Johnston, John P Lynch, Mary O'Donohue, Joan Smith, Denis Devereux, Mrs C Adsheed, Josephine Ballester, Mary Brereton, Sadie Moore, Clare Philips, Robert Dyer, Verna Maude Doyle and Fr John W Hayes, Tom Finnerty, Mrs A Lowry, Mr M Meyler, Winifred Cooney, Kathleen Griffiths,.

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.

For working conditions

This month Pope Francis' Prayer Network - Click to Pray has, as its theme the dignity of work and asks us to pray for all to have the opportunity of the dignity of work. This was the final monthly prayer intention given by Pope Francis. <https://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.

