

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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Deacon: Rev Alan Mair



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Message of the week

In this 5th Sunday of Easter the Gospel passage from John 13–17, known as the Farewell Discourse, captures Jesus' final teachings on love and glory before his crucifixion. Jesus presents his death as glorification, showing obedience and love for the Father. He commands his disciples to love one another as he has loved them—sacrificially, unconditionally, and without limits. This agápe love is the hallmark of true discipleship, evidenced by compassion, forgiveness, and service. St. Augustine emphasizes that genuine love springs from a heart rooted in God, guiding all actions toward the good. Jesus' life and death embody this divine love that transforms and redeems.

Fr Barto

Laudato Si Week by Mike Eggleton

During Laudato Si Week (May 24th-31st) we celebrate 10 years of Pope Francis' world famous encyclical and of care for Our Common Home. It is our responsibility, as children of God, to care for God's creation. At St Anne Line we celebrate Outdoor Mass on Sunday 18th - a mass in Creation.

*God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. Genesis 1:31a
"Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope." Laudato Si' 244*

Our voices and actions have great impact when joined with those of many others with a common goal, whether Christian, non-Christian or non-religious, to care for and protect Creation.

Last year we did a survey on what we could do to care for our Earth. We put forward proposals to vote on and asked parishioners to add their own ideas for action. Now we can look at our progress so far.

Proposals:

Outdoor Mass and picnic - on 18th May
Regular prayer for Creation - to be done
Overseas project - Working with - Aid to the Church in Need; Franciscan Friars of the Renewal; Missio
Rewilding parish grounds - Substantial progress in this area.
Where possible: Car Free/Car Sharing Days at church- to be done
Receive newsletter by email - Many now do so.

Additional parishioner ideas implemented:

More news of parish events; Charity projects; New trees & plants; Help with Parish Gardens; Retreat at Tyburn Convent; Eucharistic procession; Evangelise in George Lane - Good Friday Walk of Witness. Volunteering for poor - various parish and diocesan groups (Caritas) do this. For consideration at home: Bird bath, Bee keeping, Less processed food, Buy fewer unnecessary items.

Thank you for your many ideas. We will continue to look at all of these throughout the year.

Prayers for Creation can be found here:

[EN Creation novena.pdf](#)

[PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH .pdf](#)

Mass Intentions 17th May– 25th May 2025

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

Monday 19th (celebrated privately)

Holy Souls

Tuesday 20th

7pm Michael Broderhausen Ints

Wednesday 21st

9.30am Atal/Singh family Ints

Thursday 22nd

9.30am Backiam (recovery)

Friday 23rd

9.30am Rosa Federico RIP

Saturday 24th Sunday Vigil Mass

NO HOLY MASSES CELEBRATED TODAY

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Sunday 25th 6th Sunday of Easter

9.30am People of the Parish

11am Kay McManus RIP

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 – Tuesday evenings after the 7pm Mass.

LECTIO DIVINA

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

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.

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.

“AWAKE LONDON”

A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 17 May 2025, 1.30 pm to 5 pm led by Fr. Bijoy CMF and Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry UK at Christ The King, 455 Chingford Road London, E4 8SP. Praise and Worship, Holy Mass, confession, Healing service and Eucharistic Adoration, spiritual sharing, sessions for children (www.afcmuk.org).

CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP MASS

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

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, 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.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

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

MARY'S MEALS

Thanks everyone in the parish for their generosity in response to our Foreign Currency initiative. It raised a terrific £210.32 which means Mary's Meals will be able to feed 10 children one good meal every school day for a whole year because of your support.

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.

VACANCIES

The Ursuline Academy Ilford are looking for a Pupil Support Assistant. Please see school website for further information The Ursuline Academy Ilford - Come work at UAI!

KS1/KS2 Class Teacher - St Aidan's Primary School, Ilford

Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Monday 19th May 2025

Headteacher - St Peter's Primary School, Romford

Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Monday 6th June 2025

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham

a KS1 or KS2 Class Teacher from 1 September 2025, suitable for ECT's. Closing date 2 June 2025. Call 0208 270 6524, email:- office@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Coffee morning Sunday 8 June after the 9.30am and 11am Masses.

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 262. Thank you very much for both the main collection offerings as well as the collection for Vocations.

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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.



Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 19 May – 25 May

Canon Thomas Clarke, Frederick Stratford, Mrs W E Evans, Peter Donaldson, Canon Michael Fitzpatrick, Fr Brendan Sheppard, Winifred Newell, Mgr William O'Grady, Mr Fiteni, John O'Brien, Mary Cecilia Browne, Ida Page, Frances Michalitsianos, Kathleen Duggan, Edward Doyle, Laurence Meegan, Rosa Federico, Denis Brunning, Maurice Brunning, Fr Henry Peace, Fr Charles Carless, Ida Steiner, James Radley-Kane and Fr Austin Thorburn.

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.

Pope Leo XIV

Let us pray together for vocations, especially for those to the priesthood and religious life.

<https://saintanneline.com/2025/05/15/for-vocations/>

We are to bear witness to our joyful faith in Christ.

<https://saintanneline.com/2025/05/09/pope-leo-xiv-to-cardinals-we-are-to-bear-witness-to-our-joyful-faith-in-christ/>

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.

