

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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7th Sunday of Easter – Year C

Message of the week

Every May 31, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary to her cousin Saint Elizabeth, thus concluding the Marian month. The Visitation of the Virgin Mary marks the moment when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth after the Annunciation. Upon hearing from the angel Gabriel that Elizabeth was also expecting a child—John the Baptist—Mary, filled with the Holy Spirit, humbly went to help her. This act of service showed Mary's loving and selfless heart, as she traveled not as a queen, but as a humble servant ready to support someone in need.

When Mary greeted Elizabeth, profound blessings were poured into that home. The unborn John leapt with joy in his mother's womb, filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth was also inspired to recognize Mary as the Mother of the Lord. This meeting brought joy, prophecy, and divine favor, marking the first known acts of grace from Jesus, who was already present in Mary's womb.

The Visitation was Mary's first mission of charity and continues to symbolize her ongoing journey to bring Jesus to every soul in need of grace, love, and salvation.

Between the Ascension of the Lord and the celebration of Pentecost, the Church enters a sacred time of preparation. These nine days form the first novena in Christian tradition, marked by fervent prayer and expectation.

As we reflect on Christ's Ascension we are reminded that He did not leave us alone but promised the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, to guide, strengthen, and sanctify us. During this period, we are invited to open our hearts and ask for the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

These divine gifts are not only personal graces but empower us to live as true disciples in the world. Wisdom helps us love what is eternal; understanding deepens our faith; counsel guides our decisions; fortitude gives courage; knowledge helps us see God's hand in creation; piety nurtures our love for God; and fear of the Lord leads to reverence.

Let us imitate the apostles and the Virgin Mary in prayerful waiting, asking the Holy Spirit to renew our hearts and make us true witnesses of Christ.

Fr Barto

Mass Intentions 31st May– 8th June 2025

Saturday 31st Sunday Vigil Mass

9.30am Fr Barto Ints

6.30pm Muneton family Ints

Sunday 1st 7th Sunday of Easter

9.30am William Martin RIP

11am People of the Parish

12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

Monday 2nd (celebrated privately)

Holy Souls

Tuesday 3rd

7pm Michael Kelly RIP

Wednesday 4th

9.30am Valery Trivel (recovery)

Thursday 5th

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Friday 6th – 1st Friday

9.30am Margaret & James Keohane RIP

Saturday 7th Sunday Vigil Mass- 1st Saturday

9.30am Larry & baby John Keating

6.30pm Fr Barto Ints

Sunday 8th Pentecost Sunday

9.30am Jeanette Adu-Bobie Ints

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 – Tuesday evenings after the 7pm Mass.

LECTIO DIVINA

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

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Fr Christian Pista, a priest from the Tubi Catholic Mission of St John Paul II, Kenya will be making an appeal at the Vigil and 9.30am Holy Masses.

DATES FOR NEW BAPTISM COURSE

The baptism course for parents of 3 sessions starts on Tuesday 3 June at 6.30pm in the hall. Please speak to Rev Alan if you have any questions.

DAY OF ADORATION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On **Thursday 19 June** there will be a Day of Adoration from 10am to 7pm. We are looking for volunteers for hourly slots to be in Church whilst the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. Mass will then be celebrated at 7pm. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

Next Sunday, 8 June at 4pm in Church.

MARY'S MEALS- NEXT WEEKEND

The charity, based in Scotland, serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. We recently collected foreign currency for this charity. We welcome Irene Gomes for the Saturday Vigil, and David Chapman on Sunday morning.

SACRED HEART NOVENA

Next First Friday Novena starts at 8.45am with Confession and Adoration on 6 June 2025.

SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Next First Saturday devotion on 7 June starts at 5:30pm with Adoration, Confession, the Rosary.

COFFEE MORNING - 8 JUNE

After the 9.30am and 11am Masses. In the hall.

SUMMER HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets will be on sale from this weekend. £1 per ticket.

SUMMER BBQ 5 JULY 2025, 12- 4pm

Reflexology appointments available -£10 per session. Contact Tina Marrai.

Bottles and raffle prizes still needed for Parish Social events.

MASS CARDS FOR SALE IN THE PORCH

We have a new stock of different Mass cards in the porch. Please leave the money in the wall box. Fr Barto will be happy to sign the card for you.

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.

CONFERENCE- HOPE & PROSPECTS FOR THE PAPACY OF LEO XIV – A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

On Friday 20th June from 18.30 to 20.30 at the St. Augustine Centre, 55 Fulham Palace Road, Hammersmith, London W6 8AU. Guest of honour is HE the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia. Conference fee £40.

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 18 -25 July 2025

Phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: Brentwood Lourdes Pilgrimage - Tangney Tours.

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 4 June 2025

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

Last weekend Mass attendance was 204. The main collection was £497.26 £175.00 envelopes, £322.26 loose). Thank you very much.

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<https://www.facebook.com/SaintAnneLine/>

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<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/>



YEAR OF JUBILEE

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 'lubilaeum25' app can be downloaded to your phones.



Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 2- 8 June

Canon Eric Goldingay, Bishop John Petit, Canon Jerome Deady, Patrick Cannon, Felix McMahon, Catherine Garman, Doris Manze, Robert Kennedy, Jack Poulter, Irene Keegan, Joseph Few, John Fitzgerald, Amelia Mitlehner, Irma Hejpetter, Thomas Hennessy, Florence Wood, Jack Collins and Fr Edmund Tyler.

PARISH OFFICE (IN THE PRESBYTERY)

The Parish secretary is in the office on

Monday afternoons (not on Bank holidays).

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: Prayer for June

Grow in Humanity and Compassion:

Let us pray that we can grow in humanity, so that our relationships may be truer and richer in compassion. Let us ask the Heart of Jesus for the grace increasingly to have the same feelings as him.

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.

