

# 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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## *Message of the week*

Today is a joyful and blessed day for our Saint Anne Line community. As we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi — the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ — we are also filled with great joy as eleven of our children receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the very first time.

After nine months of preparation, these young hearts are ready to welcome Christ into their lives in a profound and sacred way. This is not only a milestone for them and their families but a moment of grace for our entire parish.

We invite you to keep these children in your prayers — that their first Holy Communion may be the beginning of a lifelong friendship with Jesus, rooted in love, faith, and the Eucharist.

May we all be renewed today in our love for the Blessed Sacrament, the true Heart of the Church and the Heart of the world, as Pope John Paul II calls it.

<< St. Thomas Aquinas called it the “Sacrament of Sacraments.”

The Eucharist is the real presence of Jesus Christ, body, blood, soul, and divinity, under the appearance of bread and wine. The Eucharist is also referred to as “Holy Communion.”

“Communion” comes from the Latin *communio*, which means “to be in union with.” According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), the Church refers to the Eucharist by this name “because by this sacrament we unite ourselves to Christ, who makes us sharers in his Body and Blood to form a single body” (CCC 1331).

The Church teaches that anyone who receives Jesus in the Eucharist also receives “the pledge of glory with him” (CCC 1419). The Catechism says that participating in the Eucharist “identifies us with his Heart, sustains our strength along the pilgrimage of this life, makes us long for eternal life, and unites us even now to the Church in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints” (CCC 1419).

Pope Francis said in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, the Eucharist “is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.”

At the same time, the Church draws on the words of Scripture in setting forth requirements for receiving Holy Communion.

The Church teaches that there are two basic requirements Catholics must meet in order to receive Holy Communion worthily.

### **First, one must be in a state of grace.**

To be in a “state of grace” means to be free from mortal sin. As the Catechism states, “Anyone aware of having sinned mortally must not receive communion without having received absolution in the sacrament of penance” (CCC 1415).

**The second requirement** for receiving Holy Communion is to observe the Eucharistic fast. Canon law states, “One who is to receive the most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception only of water and medicine, for at least the period of one hour before Holy Communion” (CIC 919).>> The full article can be found at the following link: [Catholic News Agency](#).

*Fr Barto*

## **Mass Intentions 21st June– 29th June 2025**

### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Vigil Mass**

9.30am Joseph Munds RIP

6.30pm Fr Barto Ints

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Corpus Christi**

9.30am Gabriel Palacio & Aura Vasco RIP

11am People of the Parish - *First Holy Communion Mass*

12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> (celebrated privately)**

Teresa Sturt (anniv)

### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Birth of St John the Baptist**

7pm Assumption Bevenaggi

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Holy Souls

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Dr Jayanth Selve (recovery)

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Sacred Heart of Jesus**

9.30am Robert Kirby (anniv)

### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday Vigil Mass**

9.30am Fr Jose Antonio Ubillus Ints

6.30pm Fr Barto (anniv of ordination)

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Sts Peter & Paul**

9.30am Graham Howes 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 – Tuesday evenings after the 7pm Mass.

### **LECTIO DIVINA**

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE 11 CHILDREN RECEIVING JESUS FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS SUNDAY . 22 JUNE .11am**

### **TAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS AT FHC MASS. 22 JUNE. 11am**

In line with the parish Photography & Filming policy, we are giving notice that photos will be taken at the FHC Mass. With the subjects' consent, some photos may be used on the parish website and/or social media pages. Parishioners taking photos, are reminded that they should not post on social media, photos of any children (or vulnerable adults) other than their own. Further information can be found in the Data Protection/Privacy Notice at <https://saintanneline.com/parish-safeguarding-officer/policies/st-anne-line-policy-procedure-on-photography-and-filming/> and a paper copy of this Notice will be displayed on the notice board in the church porch.

### **SUMMER BBQ 5 JULY 2025. 12- 4pm**

Reflexology appointments available -£10 per session. Contact Tina Marrai. We need **Bottles , raffle prizes and plants.** Please let Tina know if you can help. There are flyers in the porch. Please collect a few and distribute them to your friends.

### **RETIRING COLLECTIONS**

This weekend is for Sick & Retired clergy of the Diocese.

### **APPLICATION for CONFIRMATION, FHC & RCIA - 25/26**

#### **• Confirmation (Year 10 and above)**

Bishop Alan will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with our young people next summer. Please complete an Application Form found in the porch and return it to the office **by Sunday 21 September 2025.** Please contact Jacinta on 07905 973435 or [jacinta.balchin@tintabee.co.uk](mailto:jacinta.balchin@tintabee.co.uk) if you have questions.

#### **• FHC (Year 3 and above)**

Please complete an Application form found in the porch and return it to the office by Sunday 14 September. Please contact Joanna Roberts on 07852 923376 or [joannaroberts@gmail.com](mailto:joannaroberts@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

#### **• RCIA**

Please speak to Fr Barto or Rev Alan or email the office.

### **29 JUNE - CELEBRATION for the SOLEMNITY of the SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

This is the patronal feast of the Romanian Community in our Parish. Parishioners are invited to participate in the Holy Mass at 12.30pm and celebrations thereafter in the hall.

### **ALTAR SERVERS MEETING**

For all altar servers on Sunday 13 July 2025 at 3pm in Church

### **WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FORMS**

It is **imperative** that you complete this form 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. Forms are in the porch.

### **JUBILEE YEAR – Pilgrims of Hope: FORTY HOURS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – ‘QUARANT ORE’**

will be celebrated at the Cathedral parish of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood with Mass at 7.30pm on Thursday 26 June and concluding at 5.45pm on Saturday 28 June. Please see parish website (<https://brentwoodcathedral.org.uk/>) for full details.

### **MARY’S MEALS- Donations required**

Please see the list required in the porch.

**Please drop the donations into the white bag in the Baptistry by 29 June 2025.**

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

On Friday 20th June from 6-9pm 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 £35. Those wishing to attend should send their name and address to: Anthony Weaver. Email: [retreatsdover@gmail.com](mailto:retreatsdover@gmail.com). Places are limited.

### **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 2 July 2025

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

**Golf** anyone interested in playing golf with Fr Barto, please contact the office.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 253. Thank you very much for your offerings for the main collection and also the collection for the Day for Life.

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Facebook page:

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

Diocese of Brentwood website:

<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 23- 29 June**

Fr Edward Thomas, Anna Stevenson, Daisy Mitchell, A.E. Statham, Canon James Dacey, Mrs A Buckley, Robert Kirby and Anna Rampersad.

### **PARISH OFFICE (IN THE PRESBYTERY)**

The Parish secretary is in the office on **Monday afternoons (not on Bank holidays), Wednesday and Friday mornings.**

### **CARDS & 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.

**Please also check the notice boards in the porch and our parish website for other news and information.**

### **For peace in the Middle East**

Let us continue praying for peace in the Middle East, in Ukraine, and throughout the whole world.

Pope Leo XIV

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.

