

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

'There was a time when we were not: this gives us no concern – why then should it trouble us that a time will come when we shall cease to be?' (William Hazlitt, *On the Fear of Death*)

Mark Twain puts it more bluntly, saying in his autobiography that 'annihilation has no terrors for me, because I have already tried it before I was born'. Truth is a relationship between the mind and that which is. So, no minds, no truth.

But, there is God, so there is always that one unimaginable mind, and therefore there is always truth. That brings us to the other flaw in the reasoning about what was before we were conceived. Although we did not exist before that moment, we were in God's mind as a possibility which it was his will to bring into existence. We were due to exist, not because we are special, but because God is love, which is the explanation of everything.

Our Gospel speaks of a human being who desires happiness in his own terms, doing the sort of things people do. He makes no provision for the future. I suspect that the two brothers who wish Our Lord to settle their dispute would have the uneasy suspicion the Christ is speaking about their own father. Why else would they be unable to agree about their inheritance? The man is preoccupied with his own goods, and so God uses a word from the world of commerce, saying to him, literally, 'Mindless one, this night they ask for your soul back', using a verb which is used of demanding the return of a loan. The man is not accused of being selfish as such but not understanding that he cannot make himself truly rich. The good Christian life is a constant acquisition of true wealth, a continuous movement towards God. This is what Christ says in this Gospel passage. Not to gather a treasure to ourselves, but to be rich towards God. While we fear death by nature, it is not that fear which leads us to happiness. As St Paul says, we are already dead, and our life is hidden with Christ. Heaven is God's good idea, our very existence is God's good idea, and there is no happiness that does not come from him.

Rev Alan

Mass Intentions 2nd Aug– 10th August 2025

Saturday 2nd Sunday Vigil Mass

9.30am Mary Carolan (1st anniv)

6.30pm Ros Matthews Ints

Sunday 3rd 18th Sunday -Ord

9.30am People of the Parish

11am Margaret Moylett RIP

Monday 4th (celebrated privately)

Fr Cesar Peleteiro (recovery)

Tuesday 5th

7pm Joel D'Souza RIP

Wednesday 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord

9.30am In Thanksgiving for all priests

Thursday 7th

9.30am Bob & Anne Power RIP

Friday 8th

9.30am Balchin family Ints

Saturday 9th Sunday Vigil Mass

9.30am Larry Keating RIP

6.30pm Fr Philip's Ints

Sunday 10th 19th Sunday -Ord

9.30am Gloria Isaza (recovery)

11am People of the Parish

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.

Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel) We invite all parishioners to read and study together Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation – Tuesday evenings after the 7pm Mass.

LECTIO DIVINA

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

PARISH MISSION in the year of Jubilee

Led by Fr Royston, CSSR (Redemptorist) who will be here at the weekend Masses on 6th & 7th September. Parish Mission is from 8 to 10 September.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Helen Auty who died on 29 July 2025. Her Funeral will be held at 11:30am, Thursday 7th August at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, Woodford Green. Please keep her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

APPLICATION for CONFIRMATION, FHC & RCIA - 25/26

Please ensure you are completing the Mass attendance forms found in the Porch

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 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 joannafroberts@gmail.com if you have any questions.

RCIA

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We will be starting the liturgy for children up to the age of 7, (for those have not made their First Holy Communion) after the summer holidays. The first session is on Sunday 7 September.

PARISH ACTION ON OUR COMMON HOME- Your Choice

We have updated this page showing how as a parish we have moved to implement ideas proposed by parishioners in response to Our Common Home survey held in late Summer 2024. Click here for details

<https://saintanneline.com/parish-action-on-our-common-home-your-choice/>

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

To have a Mass celebrated, please complete a brown Mass intention envelope found in the porch. Hand the envelope to Fr Barto or the office. Fr Barto will be happy to sign the Mass card for you.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA- Holy Relic Tour from 1 Aug – 10 Aug

The First Class Holy Relics of St Columba, St Margaret of Scotland and St Andrew will tour the Diocese of Brentwood. Closest church: Chingford (Our Lady of Grace – Saturday 9 Aug from 12pm-7.30pm, Sunday 10 Aug from 8am- 12pm.

Please see the poster in the porch for the timetable of the tour.

INGATESTONE HALL TEA & TOUR- Thursday 11 September. 10.30am OR 12.30pm

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society invites you for a private guided to the 16th-century Grade I listed manor house. The tour lasts about 1½ hours, and afterwards, you'll be treated to tea and cake in the parlour. Tickets: £25 per person – reserve at :

<https://eu.jotform.com/form/251772844632361>. Note: The tour may not be suitable for individuals with mobility challenges. Contact Julie: Email: jabbott@bccs.org.uk / 07912277413 for more information.

CELEBRATING VATICAN II

As the sixtieth anniversary of the conclusion of Vatican II approaches Fr Adrian Graffy will lead a study day entitled 'Vatican II and its Popes at the Catholic parish of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) on Saturday 20th September from 10.30am. Entrance is free, and a recording of the talk will be available subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome!! Please introduce yourself to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. Also complete a registration and GDPR form found in the porch and return to the Parish Office once completed.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

Please see the list of items needed in the porch.

VACANCY AT TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SEN TA/ELSA , 32 hours, September/October 2025

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Afternoon Club Meet in the hall at 2pm on Wednesday 30 July 2025

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

Last weekend Mass attendance was 215. 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

Web resources - 1) Pilgrims of Hope -

<https://saintanneline.com/year-of-jubilee-pilgrims-of-hope/> 2) The Word -

<https://saintanneline.com/parish-bulletins/>

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YEAR OF JUBILEE APP

The ' Jubilaeum25' app can be downloaded to your phones.



Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 4 Aug – 10 Aug

Pope Paul VI, John Barry, James McCormick, Giuseppe Vietti, Sidney Boatman, Annabell Page, Fr Henry Tilley, Fr David Coghlan, Fr Hugh Verity, David Payne, Vera Craft, William Willis, John Barry, Kathleen Donnelly, Patrick Finnegan.

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 cards in the porch. Please leave the money in the wall box.

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for August

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

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.

