

# 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*

### **Parish Mission in the Year of Jubilee: Pilgrims of Hope**

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, our parish is blessed with the opportunity to hold a **Parish Mission** — a time of **spiritual renewal**, both personal and communal. Led by Father Royster Price, a Redemptorist missionary, this mission invites us to pause and rediscover our identity as **disciples of Jesus, missionaries of the Church**, and above all, **pilgrims of hope**.

In a world of constant noise, speed, and distraction, we often drift through life without reflecting on deeper truths: Who am I? What is my purpose? Where am I going? The mission becomes a holy moment to stop, to listen, and to encounter God in silence and prayer. Like a spiritual retreat, it creates the space for meditation, confession, the Eucharist, and moments of solitude — where the soul hears the gentle voice of God.

Through meditations and talks, we revisit the core truths of our faith, guided by the Magisterium of the Church. These days are not for debates, but for listening, repenting, and renewing our commitment to Christ. We are invited to make an honest **examination of conscience**, to receive God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and to draw strength from the Eucharist.

As **pilgrims of hope**, we are called not only to deepen our personal relationship with Jesus but to radiate His light to others. This mission is a new beginning — a chance to rekindle our faith, re-order our priorities, and commit to a life rooted in prayer, service, and love.

Let us not postpone this grace. The mission is God's invitation to each of us: to walk more closely with Him, to be renewed from within, and to become true witnesses of hope in our world.

### **Season of Creation**

We began the **Season of Creation** on 1 September, ending on 4 October—the Feast of St. Francis—called to “take care of our common home.” At the Angelus on 31 August 2025, Pope Leo XIV urged: “This year's theme is ‘**Seeds of Peace and Hope**’... **we praise God and renew our commitment not to ruin his gift but to take care of our common home.**” In his message to CELAM, he warned that “**nature itself is reduced at times to a bargaining chip... God's creation turns into a battleground for the control of vital resources.**”

The Pope calls us to **pray, reflect, and act concretely**. We must reduce waste, live simply, support sustainable practices, and engage in ecological education. We are also encouraged to pray with gratitude and humility for creation, and to recognize the poor who suffer most from environmental harm. Pope Leo reminds us: **caring for creation is not optional, but a sign of Christian love and responsibility.**

*Fr Barto*

### **Mass Intentions 6<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025**

#### **Saturday 6th      Sunday Vigil Mass**

9.30am Fr Barto Ints

6.30pm Gabriel Palacio & Aura Vasco RIP

#### **Sunday 7th      23rd Sunday -Ord**

9.30am Eliseo Calle RIP

11am                  People of the Parish

12.30pm              Holy Mass in Romanian

#### **Monday 8th**

9.30am Holy Souls

#### **Tuesday 9th**

9.30am Elaine Chin Ints

#### **Wednesday 10th**

9.30am Atal & Singh family Ints

#### **Thursday 11th**

9.30am                  Fr Neil Brett Ints

#### **Friday 12th**

9.30am                  Balchin family Ints

#### **Saturday 13th      Sunday Vigil Mass**

9.30am Fr Barto Ints

6.30pm Liam Gordon RIP

#### **Sunday 14th      Exhaltation of the Holy Cross**

9.30am People of the Parish

11am                  In Thanksgiving (Joan & Alan)

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.

#### **Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)**

We will not be meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. The session continues on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **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 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> September. Parish Mission is from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September. For more information please see

<https://saintanneline.com/redemptorist-mission-to-st-anne-line/>

## **PARISH MISSION – ‘3 days with Our Lady’ Mon 8 to Wed 10 September 2025**

**9.30am** Holy Mass **10am** Refreshments (8 & 9 Sept only), **11am** Rosary & Sermon  
**6pm** Confessions **7pm** Service (1 hour) **8pm** Refreshments (10 Sept only)

### **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)**

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)**

Application form found in the porch and to be returned 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.

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The first session is on Sunday 7 September for children up to the age of 7, (for those have not made their First Holy Communion).

### **CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY**

If you or your child would like to be involved in this year's play please contact Tina on 07941 227743.

### **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.

**MARY'S MEALS** – Donate your leftover foreign currency & UK coins/notes no longer legal tender. Collect an envelope from the porch. Please continue to drop off the envelopes at the office or to Fr Barto when you come to Mass.

### **MARCH FOR LIFE 2025**

Join March for Life UK on Saturday 6 Sept in London! The right to life underpins every other right we have and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Abortion denies the most vulnerable in our society their most basic right, the right to life, which is why this year's theme is 'Human Rights for All Humans'. More details : [www.marchforlife.co.uk/2025](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk/2025)

**MARRIAGE HELP** - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th-19th Oct. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Tel: 0788 7296983

### **BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE, 25th – 26th October**

Youth Gather is a weekend of faith, fun and friendship – with speakers, workshops, prayer and outdoor activities, There will be coaches offering transport from around the Diocese included in the cost, as well as all meals, cabin accommodation and activities. This event is for year 9 and above. Apply now at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)

### **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.

### **NOTE**

Your parish priest will never ask parishioners for gift vouchers!!

### **PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS**

**Parish Youth Club (11-18)** – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month – on 6th September. Contact Jacinta on 07905 973435.

**Coffee morning** on Sunday 7 September after the 9.30am & 11am Masses. In the hall.

**Afternoon Club** Meet in the hall at 2pm on Wednesday 10 September 2025

**Bingo afternoon** on Saturday 13 September at 1.45pm in the hall.

**Quiz night** on Saturday 18 October at 7.30pm in the hall.

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

Last weekend Mass attendance was 238. Thank you for your weekly collection offerings.

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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 'jubilaum25' app can be downloaded to your phones.



### **Please pray for those who are sick**

#### **Anniversaries 8 Sept – 14 Sept**

Frederick McKiernan, Mary Sullivan, Mrs K Dempsey, Mrs M Farrell, Dick Donnelly, May Smith, Don Testro, Teresa Purcell, Gertrude Fox, Mary Case, Archbishop Beck, Canon James Hemming, Winifred Nixon, Aniela Krasuski, Patricia Ranson.

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

The Parish secretary is in the office on Monday afternoons (not on Bank holidays), all day 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 Leo's prayer intention for the month**

For our relationship with all of creation  
Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect. <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.

