

St Anne Line Catholic Church

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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

Parish Youth club and the Month of Creation

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the teenagers who took part in the first meeting dedicated to forming the youth club in our parish. A special word of gratitude also go to the leaders who helped organize this gathering. Since we are in the Season of Creation, the meeting focused on encouraging care and respect for nature and the environment.

Parish Mission

At the beginning of this week, we had the privilege of welcoming Fr. Royston, a Redemptorist missionary, to our community. He led our parish mission during this Jubilee Year.

Through his witness to the vocation and the mission program he shared with us, Fr. Royston sought to draw us closer to God through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The theme he proposed was inspired by the titles of Mary in the Salve Regina: Mary: Our Life, Our Sweetness, and Our Hope.

I want to sincerely thank all our parishioners who took part in great numbers and contributed to the success of the parish mission.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

This Sunday, September 14th we celebrate the feast of The exaltation of the Holy Cross

Around the year 320, Empress Helena of Constantinople discovered the True Cross, the cross on which Our Lord Jesus Christ died. The Empress and her son, Constantine, had the **Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre** built on the site of the discovery, where the relic was kept. Years later, in 614, King Khosrow II of Persia invaded and conquered Jerusalem and took the Cross, placing it beneath his throne as a sign of his contempt for Christianity. But in 628, Emperor Heraclius managed to defeat him and recover the Cross, bringing it back to Jerusalem on **September 14** of that same year. A special ceremony was held, in which the emperor personally carried the Cross through the city.

Since then, that day has been marked in the liturgical calendar as the **Feast of the Exaltation of the True Cross**. (according to: <https://es.catholic.net/op/articulos/31909/cat/214/exaltacion-de-la-santa-cruz.html#modal>) Christianity is a message of love, yet it exalts the Cross—a symbol of suffering and scandal. The Cross was not necessary, but Jesus chose it freely to express His love and share in human pain, making it redemptive. He did not come to eliminate suffering or explain it, but to accompany it. His death, accepted in the fullness of life, opens paradise. Jesus always descended—becoming man, suffering, and being humiliated—until being lifted up on the Cross to draw us to hope. He saves not with words but by sharing our burdens. His followers must carry their own cross. Suffering matures and sanctifies; rejecting it leads to bitterness. The Cross, embraced with God's will, becomes lighter and redemptive.

Welcome

We welcome Fr Andrei Blaj who is going to join us for the next 2 weeks. He has been appointed Assistant priest to a parish in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, Ireland.

Fr Barto

Mass Intentions 13th – 21st Sept 2025

Saturday 13th Sunday Vigil Mass

9.30am Fr Barto Ints

6.30pm Liam Gordon RIP

Sunday 14th Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9.30am People of the Parish

11am In Thanksgiving (Joan & Alan)

(Children's Mass)

12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

Monday 15th (celebrated privately)

Holy Souls

Tuesday 16th

7pm Mary Murphy (anniv)

Wednesday 17th

9.30am June Neil RIP

Thursday 18th

9.30am Cristina RIP

Friday 19th

9.30am Bob & Anne Power RIP

Saturday 20th Sunday Vigil Mass

9.30am Fr Barto Ints

6.30pm Teresa McGilloway RIP

Sunday 21st 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am People of the Parish

11am In Thanksgiving (Osita John & family)

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 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AND MASS

On 14 September, the 11am Mass will be a Children's Mass. The children's Liturgy for Primary School Children will be on Sunday at 11am during term time only.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Cath Mair, wife of Deacon Alan who died peacefully with her family on Saturday 6 September. She will be received in St Anne Line at 6pm on Thursday 2 October. Bishop Alan will celebrate Cath's funeral at 11am on Friday 3 October, at St Thomas of Canterbury. Please keep Rev Alan, and his family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

CCP and APPLICATIONS PROCESS – SECONDARY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ONLY

In September 2020 the Episcopal Vicar for Education reminded all priests that a Certificate for Catholic Practice can only be issued for a family when the priest has evidence that they attend Mass on Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation. Fr Barto will be referring to completed weekly Mass attendance sheets before issuing a CCP.

Hand in or post the following to the presbytery in a sealed envelope **by Monday 6 October:**

- Completed initial CCP Information form to be collected this weekend from the porch
- A copy of your child's Baptism Certificate
- Completed CCP form (the information about your child). Collect from the porch.
- Make an appointment with the office by email to see Fr Barto on **Wednesday 15 October between 4pm and 6pm.**

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.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING for YEAR 7, Tuesday 7 October

Upper Site, Mornington Road, between 5pm and 8pm, with Mr Linnane, Headmaster, talking at 5pm and 6.30pm. There are parking restrictions in the area. Please complete the form on our website to confirm your attendance: <https://forms.office.com/e/EaxkZU2DT0>

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING Sunday 28 September

At 4pm for new and current altar servers. Meet in Church.

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEK (Home Mission/Evangelii Gaudium Sunday)

A second collection will be taken to support the work of evangelisation of the Bishops' Conference Mission.

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 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 joannafroberts@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY

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

"AWAKE LONDON" A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 20th Saturday 2025 from 1.30 pm to 5 pm led by Rev.Fr.Paschal Uche and Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry UK at Catholic Parish of Christ The King, 455 Chingford Road London, E4 8SP.

JUBILEE YEAR MISSION at St TERESA'S, NEWBURY PARK

Monday, 29 September to Wednesday, 01 October, in honour of St Thérèse of Lisieux. Led by Fr Royston Price. There will also be an opportunity to venerate a relic of St Thérèse during evening Mass on Wednesday. Please see the Mission Poster on your Notice Board for timings.

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.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

Please see the list of items needed in the porch.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

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

Afternoon Club Meet in the hall at 2pm on Wednesday 24 September 2025

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 292. Thank you for your collection offerings.

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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 15 Sept – 21 Sept

Julia Connor, AJ Bright, Ivy O'Connor, Sarah Hampson, Robert Harrison, Mary Burke, Eileen McPhie, Isabel Cleverly, John Bernard Kavanagh, Canon F Gahagan, Patrick Beirne, Margaret Keohane, Francis Garman, Angela Matthews, Lilian O'Brien, Patrick McNamee, Cyril Burton.

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

ARCHBISHOP SAINT ÓSCAR ROMERO:

Archbishop John Wilson (Archbishop of Southwark), will be giving a Talk and power-point Presentation on Saint Óscar Romero, in the Cathedral Parish Hall on **Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.**

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.

