

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

The parable of the crooked steward or dishonest manager from this Sunday Gospel has shocked good Church people for centuries. It appears that Truth Incarnate is praising a crooked business manager for deception, or that He who gave us the commandment, "Thou shalt not steal" is himself praising someone for violating it. St. Augustine said, "I can't believe that this story came from the lips of our Lord." Jesus tells a paradoxical story about the steward (manager), of the estate of a rich absentee landlord. The steward was an out-and-out rascal. But his boss praised him for his rascality because he acted with foresight. Facing the coming return of his master and an audit of his accounts, the steward cleverly converted the debtors of his master into his own debtors. He bought "friends" with his master's money and used these "friends" to secure a means of livelihood for the rapidly and certainly approaching point when he would be dismissed (for his previous embezzlement). In Luke's account there are four morals drawn from the story to unfold its meaning. The parable advises us to take inventory of the resources placed in our charge: time, talents, opportunities, health, intelligence, education, and other advantages. It also challenges us to use these resources wisely so that they will serve for our good in eternity. <https://frtonyshomilies.com/2025/09/13/o-t-xxvc-sept-21st-sunday-homily/>

Fr Barto

Reflections on the Redemptorist mission to St. Anne Line
"Hail Holy Queen - Three Days With Mary: Our life, our sweetness, and our hope"

The mission was an invitation for our parish community to pause our usual routine to connect more deeply with Our Lady on our path to salvation, in communion, in koinonia, as disciples in support of one another's spiritual growth. Practically? It was three days of Mass, special homilies, rosaries, community tea breaks, and evening prayer services, led by Fr Royston Price of the Redemptorists. Spiritually? A deepening for each of us who invited Mary to make anew our parish, and our lives.

Reflecting on the words of the Hail Holy Queen prayer with Fr Royston, we were reminded that Mary cares about all that goes on in our hearts. To thee (Mary) do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping. She wants to receive us, to nurture us, to soothe our grief, and show us Salvation, the Truth, her Son. On display for the three days, Fr Royston brought to us the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Perpetual help! Of course – Mary is always there to help us, to show us the way to Lord Jesus. Not only at the Annunciation, or in the Nativity, or at the wedding feast, or at the foot of the cross – but right here, right now, today and throughout.

Fr Royston often recollected for us the dogmas of the Blessed Virgin Mary – these dogmas that are fitting for God's mother, that show her as the perfect mother for us to turn to. She loves her children purely. She is, as the Hail Holy Queen prayer heralds, our most gracious Advocate. The prayer of the miraculous medals that were given out recalls the purity of her Immaculate Conception: O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. We offered grains of frankincense to Our Lady with hearts seeking her intercession. Sweet fragrance and prayers, thickened air, rose before the altar, heavenward, to be presented before the throne of God. Mary and our parish will be treasured and pondered in our hearts for years to come, as Mary treasured all these things in her heart (Luke 2:19).

Ashley & Caroline

Mass Intentions 20th – 28th Sept 2025

Saturday 20th Sunday Vigil Mass

9.30am Fr Barto Ints

6.30pm Teresa McGilloway RIP

Sunday 21st 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Evangeli Gaudium Sunday

9.30am People of the Parish

11am In Thanksgiving (Osita John & family)

12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

Monday 22nd (celebrated privately)

Holy Souls

Tuesday 23rd

7pm Mary Lynch RIP

Wednesday 24th

9.30am Anne Mathias RIP

Thursday 25th

9.30am Jerome Philomin RIP

Friday 26th

9.30am Cath Mair RIP

Saturday 27th Sunday Vigil Mass

9.30am Seminarian Gabriel Tebrea (diaconate ordination)

6.30pm Rose & Tony Cotter RIP

Sunday 28th 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am People of the Parish

11am Seminarian Gabriel Tebrea (diaconate ordination)

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.

Evangeli 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 19 October, Children's Mass at 11am. The children's Liturgy for Primary School Children will be on Sunday at 11am during term time only.

PLEASE PRAY FOR CATH MAIR RIP

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.

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS 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 25/26 Year 10 and above return by 21 September

Complete an Application Form found in the porch and return it to the office. Contact Jacinta on 07905 973435 or jacinta.balchin@tintabee.co.uk if you have questions.

CONFIRMATION MEETING – TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER – 7.45pm IN CHURCH

For parents and candidates that have registered interest in joining the programme for this year. If you have not already received an e-mail to confirm receipt of your form, please contact Jacinta on or jacinta.balchin@tintabee.co.uk

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING Sunday 28 September

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

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>

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL WALTHAMSTOW

Open Evening on Tuesday, 30th September, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

DONATIONS NEEDED

For Christmas Bazaar -Bottles of wine or spirit required. Contact Tina Marrai.

Harvest Festival Collection for Redbridge Food Bank – Sunday 5th October – Collection during coffee morning. Members of the Parish Youth club will be collecting food donations after both morning masses. Collect a flyer from the back of the church to see what food items are most needed. Please bring donations to the hall only on the day.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY- SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER

Children of all ages are invited to take part in this year's Nativity. Contact Tina Marrai for further information on 07941 227743.

SAINT OSCAR ROMERO TALK – WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER, 7.30pm.

Talk by Archbishop John Wilson on Saint Óscar Romero, at Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 21-25 OCTOBER Cost £399

Include return flights from Stansted half board accommodation and transfer from/to Lourdes.. 20 Places available. £70 single supplement. Children under 16 go for £199. Please fill in the form in the porch or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel: 01322220075

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

Please see the list of items needed in the porch.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Parish Youth Club (11-18) –next session 4th October. Contact Jacinta on 07905 973435

Coffee morning on Sunday 5 October after the 9.30am and 11am Masses.

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 273. Thank you for your collection offerings.

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

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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 22 Sept – 28 Sept

Mrs E Philpot, Mrs Maggs, Iby Varga, James Barry, John Cox, Frank Cearns, Michael Connor, Anthony Challener, Luke Gibbons,.

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.

MARY's MEALS – Donate your leftover foreign currency & UK coins/notes no longer legal tender. Collect an envelope from the porch and return to the office or to Fr Barto.

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

Pope Leo - Vatican News

By Salvatore Cernuzio

In Vatican News you can read the first full interview with Pope Leo since his election. Click here - [Vatican News](#)

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.

