

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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<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/dedication-of-the-lateran-basilica.html>

“To dedicate or consecrate” a place to God is a ritual that is found in every religion. To “reserve” a place to God is an act of recognizing His glory and honor.

When the Emperor Constantine granted full liberty to Christians in 313, they did not spare in order to construct places for the Lord – numerous are the churches constructed at that time. Constantine himself also constructed churches, one of which he was a magnificent basilica on the Caelian Hill in Rome, over the ancient Lateran Palace, which Pope Sylvester I dedicated to Christ the Savior (318 or 324). A chapel dedicated to Saint John the Baptist was built inside it which served as the baptistry. This moved Pope Sergius III to dedicate it to Saint John the Baptist as well. Lastly, Pope Lucius II also dedicated it to Saint John the Evangelist in the 12th century. Thus, the name of this Papal Basilica is the Basilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran. Christians consider the Basilica to be the **mother church of all churches in the world**.

The church was destroyed several times in the course of the centuries, and always rebuilt. The final reconstruction took place under the pontificate of Benedict XIII. The church was rededicated in 1724. It was at that time that the feast celebrated today was established and extended to the universal Church.

<https://ewtnvatican.com/articles/pope-newman-doctor-of-the-church>

Pope Leo XIV has declared St. John Henry Newman a doctor of the Church, recognizing the English cardinal and theologian — one of the most influential converts from Anglicanism — as a towering figure of faith and intellect in modern Catholicism.

The declaration took place at the beginning of Mass for the solemnity of All Saints on Nov. 1, celebrated in St. Peter’s Basilica as part of the Jubilee of Education. Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, read Newman’s biography and formally requested that the pope proclaim the saint a doctor of the Church.

Pope Leo then read in Latin the solemn formula declaring Newman the 38th doctor of the universal Church. The pope also named Newman co-patron of Catholic education, putting him alongside St. Thomas Aquinas in that role.

‘An inspiration to new generations’

“Newman’s impressive spiritual and cultural stature will surely serve as an inspiration to new generations whose hearts thirst for the infinite and who, through research and knowledge, are willing to undertake that journey which, as the ancients said, takes us ‘per aspera ad astra,’ through difficulties to the stars,” the pope said in his homily.

The full homily of Pope Leo could be found by accessing the following link:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/homilies/2025/documents/20251101-messa-giubileo-formatore.html>

Fr Barto

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Fundraising Coffee morning on Sunday 9 November organized by the Catholic Fellowship after the 9.30am and 11am Masses in the hall.

Christmas cards will be on sale.

Parish Youth Group (11-18) –15th November in the Parish Hall at the earlier time of 4pm.

Christmas Bazaar – 16 November in the Parish Hall, 10.20am-2pm

Afternoon Club Meet in the hall at 2pm on **Wednesday 19 Nov 2025**

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

Mass Intentions 8th November – 16th Nov 2025

Saturday 8th Sunday Vigil Mass- 1st Saturday

9.30am Mgr David Forde RIP

6.30pm Teresa McGilloway RIP

Sunday 9th Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9.30am Dead in the War

11am People of the Parish

12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

Monday 10th (celebrated privately)

Holy Souls

Tuesday 11th

7pm Holy Souls

Wednesday 12th

9.30am Suzette Fonseca Ints

Thursday 13th

9.30am Atal/Singh family Ints

Friday 14th

9.30am Holy Souls

Saturday 15th Sunday Vigil Mass

9.30am Fr Emile Nkumu RIP

6.30pm Mary Lynch

Sunday 16th – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am People of the Parish

11am John Coffey Children’s Mass

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.

LECTIO DIVINA

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

CHILDREN’S LITURGY- TERM TIME ONLY

The children’s Liturgy for Primary School Children will be restart on Sunday 9 November at 11am.

NEXT CHILDREN’S MASS

Will be on Sunday 16 November at 11am.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING. 9 NOVEMBER at 4pm

For new and existing altar servers in Church.

THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER DAY OF ADORATION for CHRIST

THE KING. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. The Church will be opened for adoration from 10am to 7pm, with Holy Mass at 7pm. If you can be in Church for an hour or two between 10am and 7pm, please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church

THIS WEEKEND

We welcome Augusta Mary from the Diocese of Brentwood, Parish renewal ministry who will give a short talk at all Masses. You are invited to attend on 13 November at 7.15pm to a session on Divine Renovation Leadership Promotion.

WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FORMS

It is **imperative** that you complete this form for the Sacraments, (FHC & Confirmation) and for nursery, primary & secondary Catholic Schools. Forms are in the porch.

FRIDAY DEVOTIONS TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS- Friday 5 December

This continues monthly on every first Friday of the month until the feast of the Sacred Heart in June 2026 .If you would like to have the Statue of the Sacred Heart in your home for a week, please sign up at the back of the Church.

SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY – Saturday 6 December

For 8 consecutive first Saturdays (until 6 June 2026) from 5:30pm there will be Adoration, Confession, recital of the Rosary, followed by the 6:30pm Mass.. If you would like to welcome Our Lady into your home for a week, please sign up at the back of the church.

YOUTH GROUP – ALL THINGS ADVENT

Our next group session will be on Saturday **15 November** in the Parish Hall at the earlier time of 4pm. We will be looking at the season of Advent and preparing ourselves for Christmas. Festive fun and crafts will be included! We will also be helping to set up for the Parish Bazaar.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

On sale this weekend at all Masses. £1 per ticket.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 16 NOVEMBER 10.30am – 2pm

Fundraising Christmas bazaar in the hall. Donations of cakes and bottles urgently needed. If you can help with the donations or on the day please contact Tina Marrai. All donations to be left in the baptistery.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY for PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

On Sunday 7 December 2-4pm £6 per child. Please pay using the QR code on the poster in the porch by 30 November. Contact Michelle Jeyes on 07900 924 844 if you have queries.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY- SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER

Next rehearsal Sunday 9 November at 2pm in the hall. Children of all ages are invited to take part in this year's Nativity. Contact Tina Marrai for further information on 07941 227743.

HELP NEEDED WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY

No experience needed just a passion to work with children. Please contact Lynne on 07903 852375 for more information.

BI-ANNUAL CONCELEBRATED REQUIEM MASS

at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL, will be on Monday 10th November at 11.30.am

ASSISTED SUICIDE:ENGLAND

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will enter Committee Stage in the House of Lords on 14 November. Catholics are being encouraged to write to peers to oppose the Bill. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales has issued guidance on how to write to peers with reasons that can be emphasised in a letter.

www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/bishops-urge-catholics-to-write-to-peers-on-assisted-dying-bill/

DEI VERBUM – 22 NOVEMBER at 11am

Fr Nicholas King SJ will be considering how the document on the Bible of the Second Vatican Council - entitled Dei Verbum - continues to help us to read, study and pray the Scriptures. The talks will take place at Christ the High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, Romford RM2 6DH, from 11 am on Saturday 22nd November 2025. Entrance is free. The talks will be livestreamed on www.whatgoodnews.org and a recording of the talks will be made available subsequently on the same website.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

Please see list of items needed in the porch

Learn To Pray Course Online

Would you like some tips to help your prayer life each day? The Diocesan Service Team are offering an online course running from Friday 14th November for six weeks until Friday 19th December from 7.30 to 9.00 pm. If you are interested in signing up for this course please follow this link:

<https://wkf.ms/3VcDEgl?text0=>

Last weekend Mass attendance was 261. Thank you for your offerings at the collection last weekend including the collection for the Holy Souls and Standing orders.

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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 'jubilee25' app can be downloaded to your phones.



Pope Leo on World Mission Sunday

Pope Leo asks every parish to support World Mission Sunday. See his video at <https://saintanneline.com/>

Pope Leo - Dillexit Te

First encyclical from Pope Leo - check our web page

<https://saintanneline.com/blog-2/>

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 10 Nov -16 Nov

Michael McDaid, Doris DeLargy, Eugene Carney, Giuseppa Risvegilia, Mrs J O'Donnell, Henry Wallis, Ronald Gray, Helen Rowe, Veronica Carroll, Kate Kerr, Mary Hanley, Mary McGowan, Mr M Baldacci, Edith Gooding & Tony Mozule, Brian Mackey .

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

Please leave the money in the wall box.

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

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life. (<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.

