

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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2nd Sunday in Lent– Year A

Message of the week

“This is my beloved Son... listen to Him.”

On the Second Sunday of Lent, the Church leads us from the desert to the mountain. After the trials and temptations of last week, we now witness the glory of Christ revealed in the Transfiguration.

In the Gospel from the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain. There, His face shines like the sun and His clothes become dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appear beside Him — representing the Law and the Prophets — and the voice of the Father declares: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.”

The Transfiguration is a moment of revelation. The disciples are given a glimpse of Christ’s divine glory — not to remain on the mountain, but to strengthen them for the journey to the Cross. Lent is much the same for us. We walk a path of sacrifice and conversion, but we do so with the promise of glory. The light of Christ shines ahead of us, reminding us that suffering and sacrifice are not the end of the story. Moses and Elijah stand beside Jesus, showing that He is the fulfilment of everything God promised. The Law and the Prophets point to Him. The Father’s command is simple and direct:

Lent invites us to quiet the noise in our lives so we can truly hear Christ’s voice — in Scripture, in prayer, and in the promptings of the Holy Spirit

This week, consider:

- Where is God revealing His presence in my life?
- Am I making time to truly listen to Christ?
- How can the hope of Easter strengthen me in present challenges?

The disciples wanted to stay on the mountain, but Jesus leads them back down — toward Jerusalem. We too must leave moments of spiritual consolation and continue the journey.

May the light of Christ strengthen us this Lent, so that when we reach Holy Week, we will be ready to walk with Him — from the Cross to the empty tomb.

Rev Alan

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Afternoon Club will meet on 11 March from 2-4pm in the hall.

Coffee Morning on Sunday 8 March after 9.30am and 11am Masses
Quiz night – Sat 21 March, 7.30pm. £12 per person. Forms are in the porch and see details on the poster in the porch.

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

Mass Intentions 28th Feb – 8th Mar 2026

Saturday 28th Sunday Vigil Mass

9.30am Celebrant’s Ints

6.30pm Jerome Philomin RIP

Sunday 1st 2nd Sunday in Lent

9.30am Gabriel Jaime Ortiz Ints

11am

People of the Parish

Monday 2nd (Mass is celebrated privately)

Holy Souls

Tuesday 3rd

9.30am Dr Richard Tan RIP

Wednesday 4th

9.30am Dr Tung Ching-Chang RIP

12pm Funeral Mass – Teresa Davies RIP

Thursday 5th

9.30am Dr Moyee Siow RIP

Friday 6th

9.30am Patricia Aiyudubie RIP

Saturday 7th Sunday Vigil Mass

9.30am Celebrant’s Ints

6.30pm Atal/Singh family Ints

Sunday 8th 3rd Sunday in Lent

9.30am People of the Parish

11am

Kitty Burke Ints

Confession is after weekday morning Mass from Tuesday to Saturday and by appointment.

From Tuesday to Friday

Morning prayer 9.20am

Holy Rosary 10am

HOLY HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday 10-11am

LECTIO DIVINA

We pray Lectio Divina after morning mass each Friday at 10am in the parish hall. Come along and find out more.

DIVINE RENOVADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Date of next meeting Thursday 12 March at 7.40pm in the hall.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY- TERM TIME ONLY

We will be trying out from 1 March, alternating Children’s Liturgy between the 9.30am and 11 am Masses. The dates and mass times are as follows:-

Sunday 1st March - 9.30am

Sunday 8th March - 11.00am

Sunday 15th March - 9.30am

Sunday 22nd March - 11.00am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday after the 9.30am Mass and Friday evenings at 6pm.

Fr Celestine is available in the office

Tuesdays 10-12pm

Fridays 7-9pm

THE PORCH

The porch is being refurbished which will take about 2 weeks. Please bear with us while the work is going on.

LENTEN ALMS & INTENTIONS

Pieces of paper are available at the back of the Church to be placed in the basket at the Sanctuary for our Lenten intentions. We will be donating our Lenten Alms to 'Aid to the Church in Need' for its various projects in the poorest areas. The red fire extinguisher will be used for the collections.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

If you would like to be received into the Church and become a Catholic, please speak to Fr Celestine.

ST ANNE LINE YOUTH SVP GROUP

On Sunday 8th March— there will be Lenten Redbridge Food Bank Collection. Food collection for the local food bank & Coffee morning and Cake sale in the hall after Sunday masses. For further details contact jacinta.balchin@tintabee.co.uk

THIS WEEKEND RETIRING COLLECTION

The collection next weekend is for CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day. Please use the envelopes in Church for your donation if you are a tax payer.

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 Church.

EASTER HAMPER

Tickets on sale from this weekend at £1 per ticket. Money raised for the Church & hall maintenance fund.

HELP NEEDED

Volunteers who can help with clearing/weeding and general maintenance of the two flower beds from March. Please contact Tina Marrai 07941 227 743.

STATUES OF OUR LADY & SACRED HEART OF JESUS

If you would like to welcome the blessed statues into your home, please sign up for **January to March 2026** at the back of Church.

DIOCESAN 2026 DIRECTORY

These are on sale at £3.20 each in the porch. Money in the 'publication' wall box in the porch.

CARITAS BRENTWOOD NETWORKING DAY Saturday, Mar 7 from 1- 5 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes The afternoon will include dedicated time to reflect on our areas of focus (homelessness, refugees, and the environment) and to consider how we might collectively respond to the needs in these areas during 2026. **Registration and attendance are free and can be completed online at:** <https://DOB-NETWORK.eventbrite.co.uk>

SERIES OF FOUR LENTEN LECTURES 2026: Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall

The theme this year is: "What does it truly mean to be Catholic?" This invitation is to the whole Diocese of Brentwood. All Welcome!

Talk 2. Wednesday 4th March. Rev Msgr Kevin W Hale, VG. Being Catholic and the call to holiness as seen in the lives of some recently canonised saints. 7.30pm.

Talk 3. Wednesday 11th March. Mr Mauro Iannicelli. Prayer as the Foundation of our Catholic Life. 7.30pm

Talk 4. Wednesday 18th March. Rev Msgr John Armitage. The uniqueness of Catholicism for British Society. 7.30pm

A DAY WITH MARY

On Saturday 14 March at Westminster Cathedral from 9.45am to 5pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Details on the poster in the porch.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS (COLLECTED FOR THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS)

Please see list of items needed in the porch.

SECURITY OF THE CHURCH & HALL

Please can you check that all doors especially the door from the car park to the hall is always closed. **Do not leave it on the latch.**

VACANCY – TRINITY CATHOLIC HIH SCHOOL

Midday Supervisor - P/T, Fixed Term, March 2026. Email: sgillary@tchs.org.uk .



Pope Leo - Dilexit Te

First encyclical from Pope Leo - click link <https://saintanneline.com/blog-2/>

Please pray for those who are sick Anniversaries 2 March– 8 March

F Riley and Joseph Brennan, Hannah Enright, Miss A Comerfold, Cecil Farrier, Norah Walls, Margaret Dennehy, William O'Reilly, Joseph C Thompson, Sylvester Burke, Dominic De Menezes, Francesca Henry, Lucia Rava, Mary Cable, Mervyn Bocking, Canon J Whitfield, Mrs Connolly, Leonard White and Martin Moore.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Teresa Davies, former parishioner who died on 7 February. Her funeral will be held here on Wednesday, 4 March at 12pm. May she rest in peace.

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.

FR CELESTINE'S CONTACT DETAILS

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Pope's Prayer Intention-February

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Pope's Lenten message: Abstain from harsh words and rash judgement; make space for words of hope and peace. (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.



Last weekend Mass attendance was 246. Thank you very much for the collection for last weekend and your standing orders for January.

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