

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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Message of the week

“Lord, Give Me This Water.”

This Sunday’s Gospel brings us to one of the most beautiful encounters in Scripture: Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well (Gospel of Matthew 4:5–42). Jesus meets a woman who comes to draw water at noon—alone, likely avoiding others. She carries not only her water jar but also her past, her disappointments, and her thirst for something more. And there, in the ordinary setting of a well, her life changes. When Jesus says, “Give me a drink,” He is not only asking for water. He is opening a conversation about a deeper thirst—the thirst of the human heart.

We thirst for:

- Peace
- Forgiveness
- Acceptance
- Purpose
- Love that does not fade

Jesus tells her: “Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst.” The living water He offers is His very life—grace, mercy, and the Holy Spirit.

At the beginning of the story, the woman arrives quietly and leaves transformed. After encountering Christ, she runs back to town to tell others: “Come see a man who told me everything I have done.” She becomes an evangelist.

Lent invites us to ask:

- Where am I thirsty?
- What wells am I drawing from that do not satisfy?
- Am I willing to let Jesus truly see me—and heal me?

The Third Sunday of Lent reminds us that:

- No one is too far gone.
- No past is too broken.
- No heart is beyond Christ’s reach.

Like the Samaritan woman, we are invited to leave our “water jars” behind—whatever weighs us down—and return to the Lord. And may we hear Him say to us: “If you knew the gift of God...”

Rev Alan

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Coffee Morning on Sunday 8 March after 9.30am and 11am Masses

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

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 7th Mar– 15th Mar 2026

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

Monday 9th (Mass is celebrated privately)

Fr Cesar Peleteiro (health recovery)

Tuesday 10th

9.30am Christina Malone RIP

Wednesday 11th

9.30am Emily Har (100th birthday)

Thursday 12th

9.30am Balchin family Ints

Friday 13th

9.30am Mike Morton (70th birthday)

Saturday 14th Sunday Vigil Mass

9.30am Celebrant’s Ints

6.30pm Louis & Phelomena Wong RIP

Sunday 15th 4th Sunday in Lent

9.30am Sister Patricia (Ints)

11am People of the Parish

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.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

Sunday 22 March at 4pm 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 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

EASTER 2026 TIMETABLE

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

9:30am Morning Prayer

8pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 3rd April

9:30am Morning Prayer

11am Family Stations of the Cross

12pm Joint Churches Passion on George Lane

3pm The Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday 4th April

9:30am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 5th April

9:30am Holy Mass

11am Holy Mass

THE PORCH

We anticipate that the works in the porch will take another week .

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

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.

BAPTISM COURSE

2 sessions for parents who would like to have their child baptized. On 24 March & 31 March. Meet in the hall at 6.30pm.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

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

EASTER HAMPER

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

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.

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.

SERIES OF 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 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.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 271. Thank you very much for the collection for last weekend, also the collection for CAFOD and your standing orders for January.

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<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/>



Pope Leo - Dilexit Te

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

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 9 March– 15 March

Fr Thomas Lawton, Jack O'Connor, Mary Martin, Rev. E. Meyer, Ann Van Geller, Mrs Day, Fr Maurice Roche, Mrs Freddie Devereux, Bridget O'Carroll, Thomas Neary, John McNamara, Michael Joy, Catherine Ford, Mary Charley, Tina Pinagli, Cissie Fyfe, Mary Hunt, Mrs K Halpin, Martin Nolan, Anthony Spindler, Kevin Davis and Mrs K Slattery.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for Jessica Rains who died recently. Her funeral will be held here on Friday 27 March at 11.30am.

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.

