

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen! As we continue through the joyful season of Easter in the Church's liturgical cycle, we celebrate not just an event, but a living reality. The risen Christ walks with us—strengthening our faith, renewing our hope, and calling us to be His witnesses in the world.

Throughout these Sundays, the Gospel readings guide us through powerful encounters with the risen Lord—from doubt to belief, from fear to mission, from uncertainty to courage. This is a season of transformation, where we are invited to live as “Easter people,” rooted in the victory of life over death.

It is useful to consider the journey we will make with the Risen Lord

- **Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)**
Jesus appears to the disciples and to Thomas. Faith grows even amid doubt.
Theme: Trust in Divine Mercy.
- **Third Sunday of Easter**
The risen Christ walks with the disciples on the road to Emmaus.
Theme: Recognizing Christ in Scripture and the breaking of the bread.
- **Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)**
Jesus reveals Himself as the Good Shepherd.
Theme: Listening to Christ's voice and trusting His guidance.
- **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
“I am the way, the truth, and the life.”
Theme: Christ as our path to the Father.
- **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Promise of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.
Theme: Living in love through the Spirit.
- **Seventh Sunday of Easter (Ascension / Preparation for Pentecost)**
Jesus commissions His disciples and ascends to the Father.
Theme: Mission and hope.
- **Pentecost Sunday**
The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles.
Theme: Empowered to proclaim the Gospel.

The Easter season is a time to deepen our faith in practical ways:

- Spend time daily with Scripture, especially the resurrection accounts.
- Practice acts of mercy and kindness within your community.
- Renew your commitment to prayer and participation in the sacraments.
- Reflect on where Christ is present in your daily life—especially in moments of joy, struggle, and encounter.

Risen Lord, You walk with us in every moment.

Open our eyes to recognize You,
strengthen our faith when we doubt,
and fill us with Your Spirit

so that we may share Your love with the world.

Amen.

Let us carry the light of Easter beyond these Sundays and into every corner of our lives. The resurrection is not the end of the story—it is the beginning of a mission.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Rev Alan

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Afternoon Club will meet on 22 April from 2-4pm in the hall.

Youth SVP Group – Saturday 9th May – 7.30pm : Game Challenge Night. £5 entry.

Murder at the Masquerade Ball on 6 June at 7.30pm.

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

Mass Intentions 11th April – 19th April 2026

Saturday 11th *Sunday Vigil Mass*

9.30am Graham Howes (anniv)

6.30pm Celebrant's Ints

Sunday 12th *2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy*

9.30am People of the Parish

11am John & Dymphna O'Connor RIP

Monday 13th (Mass is celebrated privately)

Holy Souls

Tuesday 14th

9.30am Maureen, Tricia & Norah Ints

Wednesday 15th

9.30am Bob & Anne Power RIP

Thursday 16th

9.30am Holy Souls

Friday 17th

9.30am Mary Lynch RIP

Saturday 18th *Sunday Vigil Mass*

9.30am Celebrant's Ints

6.30pm Atal/Singh family Ints

Sunday 19th *3rd Sunday of Easter*

9.30am People of the Parish

11am Rains family

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Takes place during term time only. The next session after the holidays is Sunday 19 April at the 9.30am Mass.

BAPTISM & RCIA Speak to Fr Celestine and Rev Alan. For Baptism it is essential that you make contact with us as soon as possible to ensure that Diocesan requirements are fulfilled and a suitable date can be placed in the diary.

MARRIAGES We welcome the marriage of parishioners and those who regularly worship here. Please notify Fr Celestine or Rev Alan at least six months in advance to allow adequate time for preparation.

THANK YOU

Many thanks again to those who made the church a beautiful place to welcome the Risen Lord this Easter. My grateful thanks to you for your generosity in the Easter collections, your gifts and the lovely Easter cards.

COFFEE MORNING THIS SUNDAY

on 12 April after both 9.30 and 11am Masses in the hall. There will be a **cake and table top sale. Please bring cash!!**

CONSECRATION OF ST ANNE LINE CHURCH – 17th MAY at 10am

Bishop Alan will be consecrating our Church. Mass at 10am followed by refreshments in the hall. All are welcome.

CONFIRMATION

Next confirmation session is on **Friday 24th April** at 5.15pm in the Parish Hall. Please note that this date has been amended.

FR CELESTINE AWAY

Fr Celestine is on annual holiday .Please welcome Fr John Tuohy who is with us until Friday 17th April.

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.

OUR COMMON HOME: ENGAGING POLITICIANS

6:30pm, April 13th - Online Bishop John Arnold. With the May local elections fast approaching, now is an important time to let politicians know your views on climate and justice. We offer guidance to help engage local politicians about defending our common home and safeguarding the dignity of all our brothers and sisters. **Register here:** <https://tinyurl.com/delpolitics>

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

PLANTS WANTED

Donations of plants needed for the flower bed in front of Church. Please contact Tina Marrai.

STATUES OF OUR LADY & SACRED HEART OF JESUS

If you would like to welcome the blessed statues into your home, please speak to Fr Celestine.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

To be held on 12th April at 1:15pm at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Leyton, E10 5ES.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

At St John Vianney, Clayhall, on 12 April 2025 from 1pm and ending with Mass at 5pm. Refreshments will be available. Address 1 Stoneleigh Road, Clayhall IG5 0HE.

THE LEGACY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI – SATURDAY 2 MAY, 11am – 1pm.

As we mark 800 years since the death of St Francis (3rd October 1226), Fr Alban McCoy OFM Con will speak about how Francis changed the Church of his day, and can help us to renew the Church in our own times. At the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) Refreshments available from 10.30. Live stream on www.whatgoodnews.org

AWAKE LONDON"

A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 18th April 2026 from 12.45 pm to 4.45 pm led by Rev. Fr. Timothy Ezat and Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry UK at Christ The King, 455 Chingford Road London, E4 8SP. Free car parking available.

SAVE THE DATE – ISABELLE KIRBY, PROFESSING OF PERPETUAL VOWS

On Saturday 1 August, at Church of the Most Sacred Heart, Ruislip. More details to follow.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT

From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again – Retrouvaille could be the solution. To find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

FLAME, WEMBLEY ARENA, MARCH 2027

Join thousands of other young Catholics for a concert filled with Inspiring speakers, live music, prayer and adoration. Tickets are going fast and the early bird discount ends soon. £30 per ticket. Contact jacinta.balchin@tintabee.co.uk to sign up for a place and further details.

DAY WITH MARY PILGRIMAGES

Pilgrimage to Fatima (8 July to 15 July 2026) Closing date 28 April 2026

Pilgrimage to Italy (1 September to 10 September 2026) Closing date 23 June 2026

Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/>

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS (COLLECTED FOR THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS)

Please see list of items needed in the porch.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 383. Thank you very much for the collection for last weekend, as well as the collection for Holy Places. Also your standing orders for January..

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Pope Leo - Dilexit Te

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

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 13 April- 19 April

Mrs N Mahoney, Helen McCarthy, Pearl Mlynska, John O'Connor, Fr Owen Fitzgerald, Thomas Duggan, John Joseph Moloney, Benjamin Muneton Torres, Fr William Donelan, Agnes Robinson, Margaret Foot, Fr George Duckett, William Hale, Brendan McCaffrey, Mrs V Lambert, Phylis Math, Maura Hutchinson, Sr Ignatius, Peter Pallett, S Smith, Edna Ventners and Annie Curtin.

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.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome!! Please introduce yourself to Fr Celestine and Rev Alan. Also complete a registration and GDPR form found in the porch and return to the Parish Office once completed.

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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Peace

Pope Leo announced that he will lead a prayer vigil for peace on Saturday, April 11th, in Saint Peter's Basilica and that everyone, both in person or following from home, is invited to join. The Vigil will take place at 6 pm Rome time and will be presided over by the Holy Father.

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.

