

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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Most Holy Trinity – Year A

Message of the week

The Church today contemplates the central mystery of the Christian faith: The Most Holy Trinity—one God in three consubstantial Persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This is not a puzzle to be solved, but a divine reality revealed to us, into which we are drawn by grace.

In the Gospel from the Gospel of John, Christ speaks of the Spirit who “will take what is mine and declare it to you,” revealing the profound unity and distinction within the Godhead. The Father is the originate source, the Son is eternally begotten of the Father, and the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father (and, in the Western tradition, through the Son). Yet these are not three gods, but one divine essence perfectly possessed by each Person.

The inner life of God is a communion of self-giving love. As articulated within the tradition of Trinitarian theology, the divine Persons exist in a relationship of perichoresis—a mutual indwelling in which each Person is wholly in the others without confusion or division. Thus, God is not solitude, but eternal communion.

This mystery is not merely speculative; it is profoundly salvific. Through the Incarnation of the Son and the outpouring of the Spirit, we are granted participation in the divine life. As the Second Letter to the Corinthians proclaims: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” Here we see the economic Trinity—God’s action in history—revealing the immanent Trinity, God as He is in Himself.

Through Baptism, we are incorporated into Christ and adopted by the Father, receiving the Holy Spirit as the bond of communion. In this way, the Church becomes a living icon of the Trinity: unity in diversity, charity in truth.

To profess faith in the Trinity is therefore to be drawn into a life of transformation. The more we live in charity, the more we participate in the very life of God. As the tradition affirms, grace perfects nature and elevates us toward divinisation: a real, though analogical, sharing in the divine life.

This solemnity invites us not only to adore the mystery of God, but to live from it. Every Sign of the Cross, every doxology, every Eucharistic celebration immerses us anew into the life of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Rev Alan

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Afternoon Club will meet on 3 June from 2-4pm in the hall.

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

Coffee morning – on 7 June after the 9.30am and 11am Masses.

Youth SVP Group: Next Session - Saturday 13th June at 2:45pm. Fun on the water. See poster in porch for more details.

Summer BBQ- 4 July from 12-4pm.

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

Mass Intentions 30th May – 7th June 2026

Saturday 30th *Sunday Vigil Mass*

9.30am Celebrants Ints

6.30pm Jerome Philomin & family RIP

Sunday 31st *Most Holy Trinity*

9.30am People of the Parish

11am Joan Hinkins Ints

Monday 1st *(celebrated privately)*

Holy Souls

Tuesday 2nd

9.30am Bob & Anne Power RIP

Wednesday 3rd

9.30am Anthony Curtis RIP

Thursday 4th

9.30am Jerome Philomin & family RIP

Friday 5th

9.30am Holy Souls

Saturday 6th *Sunday Vigil Mass*

9.30am Celebrants Ints

6.30pm Atal & Singh family Ints

Sunday 7th *Corpus Christi*

9.30am People of the Parish

11am Constance John & family (Thanksgiving)

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

No Children's Liturgy during half term. It resumes on 7 June at the 11am 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.

Fr Celestine is available in the office

Tuesdays 10-12pm

Fridays 7-9pm

FR CELESTINE'S CONTACT DETAILS:

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CONFIRMATION 2026

Congratulations to Daniel, Fabian, Finn, James, Keira, Luca, Madelena, Matteo, Samuel, Sofia, Thomas and Zachary who were confirmed here last Sunday. Please continue to pray for them. A huge thank you to Jacinta & Louise who prepared and guided the Confirmed throughout their journey.

RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

For the Sick & Retired clergy of this Diocese.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We will need more volunteers to help at the 9.30am Mass !! If you can help every other week during term time please contact Lynn on 07903 852 375.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To help water the plants in the flower beds. Please contact Tina Marrai (07941 227 743) or Damian O'Connor (07391 067 014) if you can help.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

For new and existing altar servers on **Sunday 21 June** at 4pm. Parents are invited to attend.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

MURDER AT THE MASQUERADE BALL – Saturday 6 June at 7.30pm. Tickets at £15 must be bought in advance to be allocated a character. Contact Tina on 07941 227 743.

COFFEE MORNING - next Sunday 7 June after both the morning Masses. In the hall.

SUMMER BBQ 2026

The date of this enjoyable event is on **SATURDAY 4 JULY 2026**. We need your help- donations of bottles, plants, raffle prizes needed. Please contact Tina on 07941 227 743 if you can donate any of the items. There **is one reflexology** appointment left on the 4th July at 3.15 pm. cost £10. **Face painter needed** for the Summer BBQ! Contact Tina Marrai if you are interested in the reflexology appointment or can help with face painting.

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.

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.

PARISH HALL

The parish hall is available for hire for birthday parties and other events. Please contact the office for more information.

DAY WITH MARY – 6 JUNE

At St Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch from 9am to 5pm. With Confession & Adoration. Address: 213 Hornchurch Road, RM12 4TF. Please bring a packed lunch.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Bishop Alan will be celebrating this Mass on Saturday 11 July, 3pm at Brentwood Cathedral, followed by a reception in the hall. We have 5 invitations for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries, recently married, preparing for marriage. Please speak to Fr Celestine or contact the office if you would like to attend.

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.

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP, SUMMER 2026.

Applications are now open for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9-12 in August 2026) to spend a week at camp. 25th July – 1st August or 1st – 8th August. Activities include archery, fishing, AquaPark visit, football, kayaking and much more. Suggested donation £200, but full bursaries are available. All application details are at <https://boscocamp.co.uk>. Places are likely to go quickly – early applications are encouraged.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS (COLLECTED FOR THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS)

Please see list of items needed in the porch.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL - VACANCIES

- Teacher of Science F/T or P/T, Permanent, Sept 26
 - Teacher of RE, F/T, Permanent, Sept 26
 - HoD Psychology and Sociology, F/T, Permanent, Sept 26
- Please see website :www.tchs.org.uk

Last weekend Mass attendance was 303. Thank you very much for your collection offerings for last weekend.

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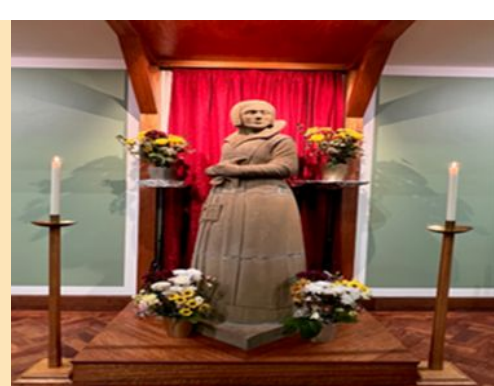
Church website: www.saintanneline.com

Facebook page:

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

Diocese of Brentwood website:

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



Pope Leo

Dilexit Te - Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Leo - see Vatican website.

Pope Leo Encyclical

Pope Leo's first encyclical, Magnifica humanitas, on preserving the human person in the age of artificial intelligence, will be released on May 25. More details will follow when available.

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 1-7 June

A. Dawes, Fr Donald Clover, Canon Eric Goldingay, Bishop John Petit, Canon Jerome Deady, Patrick Cannon, Felix McMahon, Catherine Garman, Doris Manze, Robert Kennedy, Jack Poulter, Irene Keegan, Joseph Few, John Fitzgerald, Amelia Mitlehner, Irma Hejpeter, Thomas Hennessy, Florence Wood, Jack Collins and Fr Edmund Tyler.

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.

Pope Leo - Rosary for Peace May 30th 6pm (UK time)

Please see our website for more details. <https://saintanneline.com/>

Clicktopray.org

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.

