

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

Parish Priest: Fr Celestine Onwuekwe

Deacon: Rev Alan Mair



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The Parish Priest's Corner

My dear good people of God. I want to dedicate this corner to studying and learning about our Catholic teachings & doctrines.

Together we can learn about our beliefs and build up our faith. I begin with the Sacraments.

WHY DO I GO TO CONFESSION? (Part 4)

The Seal of Confession

The Priest is bound to keep the secrecy of confession. No law or no oath can force him to break the seal of confession, either directly or indirectly. History is full of instances of priests suffering imprisonment, torture and death rather than reveal in any way what they had heard in the confessional.

Regular sacramental confession of your sins is very helpful for your relationship with God. Regular confession helps us to recognize our sins more easily and to overcome our weaknesses more quickly with the help of the Holy Spirit.

To confess well, pray to know your sins and be honest with the priest. God truly forgives you through the priest's absolution.

After confession, take a moment to pray, thanking God for his mercy. Do your penance as soon as possible.

Fr Celestine

Mass Intentions 11th July – 19th July 2026

Saturday 11th *Sunday Vigil Mass*

9.30am Celebrants Ints

6.30pm Aura Vasco & Gabriel Palacio RIP

Sunday 12th *15th Sunday Ordinary Time*

9.30am Charlie Jerson Reyes RIP

11am People of the Parish

Monday 13th *(celebrated privately)*

Holy Souls

Tuesday 14th

9.30am Emily Har Ints

Wednesday 15th

9.30am Maureen, Tricia & Norah Ints

Thursday 16th

9.30am Tony & Rose Cotter RIP

Friday 17th

9.30am Jerome Philomin RIP

Saturday 18th *Sunday Vigil Mass*

9.30am Celebrants Ints

6.30pm Daniele Farina (health recovery)

Sunday 19th *16th Sunday Ordinary Time*

9.30am People of the Parish

11am Luke Buenaventura RIP (2nd anniv)

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
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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

Last session before the summer holidays on Sunday 12 July at the 9.30am Mass.

BAPTISM & RCIA Speak to Fr Celestine and Rev Alan. For Baptism it is essential that you contact 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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PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Coffee morning Sunday 12 July after the 9.30am and 11am Masses.

Afternoon Club will meet on 15 July from 2-4pm in the hall.

Murder Mystery night Saturday 19 September, 7.30pm.

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

SUMMER BBQ 2026

Thank you to everyone who contributed with your time and donations to this enjoyable afternoon. The volunteers, supporters and the organiser Tina Marrai and her husband Mario did a magnificent job of raising over £2,100 for the Parish Maintenance Fund.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING- SUNDAY 19 JULY

For new and existing altar servers. We will meet at 4pm.

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND- STELLA MARIS (APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA)

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 12th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. Stella Maris is the maritime charity of the Catholic Church. Its chaplains and ship visitors provide practical help and pastoral care to seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world.

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.

LAST COFFEE MORNING BEFORE THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Coffee morning is on Sunday 12 July after both morning Masses.

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.

HOW TO HAVE A MASS CELEBRATED

There are brown Mass offering envelopes in the porch. Complete the details and hand the envelope with your Mass offering to Fr Celestine or drop it through the letter box at No 7. The diocese has suggested a recommended donation of £10, but we are grateful for any contribution you are able to make.

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.

WEBSITE If you notice any issues with the website or have any suggestions, please send email to salwebadmin@btinternet.com

VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

As part of the UK Disasters Emergency Committee, CAFOD is launching the Venezuela Earthquake Appeal to raise vital funds for communities affected by the devastating earthquakes in Venezuela. You can give online here: [Support CAFOD in your parish](#)

FINAL PLACES– Summer Holiday Opportunity. The St John Bosco Children's Camp is held near Brentwood. It is an activities camp including archery, fishing, Aqua Park visit, football, kayaking and much more. Final places are currently available for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9 - 12 on 31st August 2026) to spend a week at camp. Week One 25th July – 1st August or Week Two 1st – 8th August. The camp is run with a Catholic ethos and is for all children, especially those who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but fully funded places are also available thanks to generous grants. All application details are at www.boscocamp.co.uk

INGATESTONE HALL TEA & TOUR – 3 SEPTEMBER

BCCS invites you to join them on an exclusive, personal tour of Ingatestone Hall, conducted by the Petre family, offering unbeatable insight of the past and present of his Grade I listed building and gardens, followed by a hot drink and homemade biscuit. The event was over-subscribed last year so get your tickets fast - entry is £25 per person - book online today: <http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events-campaigns/> Please note, due to the age of the building, there is no disabled access to the upper floor, and some of the lower floor and grounds are uneven and thus not suitable for those who have mobility issues.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS (COLLECTED FOR THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS)

Please see list of items needed [in the porch](#).

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

To our parishioners Victoria, Paul and their children Aisling & Tadhg who are emigrating to Australia. Many blessings as you start your life down under.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 253. Thank you very much for your collection offerings. If you are a taxpayer please consider Gift Aid for your donations. This can allow the parish to claim 25p for every £1 you give - at no cost to you. Click to view details - [Gift Aid](#)

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

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



Pope Leo

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

Pope Leo Encyclical

Please check our parish website for links to Pope Leo's encyclical [Magnifica Humanitas](#)

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 13 July to 19 July

Fr John Watson, Patrick Malone, Jane Swales, Christy Dennehy, Arthur Raven, Bernard Wilkinson, Canon Daniel Harnett, Mrs B Leydon, Bruno Mitlehner, Roy Burrows, Mrs E Gray, Mrs Rowe, Luke Buenaventura, Fr Edmund Dobson.

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.

PARENTS - please always accompany your child to the toilet.

Pope Leo: For respect for human life

Lord of life, You created us in love and called us to live in fullness. Each person is a sacred gift that reflects your face, from the first instant of existence to the final breath of their journey on earth. Today we ask for the grace to recognize and protect the unique and unrepeatable value of every human being.

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.

