

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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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

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 SHOULD I ATTEND MASS (PART 1)

Attending Mass as a Christian is necessary for our SALVATION. In the Holy Eucharist, Christ gives himself to us to be the life and food of our Souls.

In the old testament, God sent manna to feed the chosen people as they wandered during their forty years in the desert.

In the new testament, Jesus gives the bread of life (John 6) to help us in our pilgrim journey on Earth to the Father.

The first Eucharistic celebration was at the Last supper with his Apostles. Jesus gave us the Holy Eucharist because he wants to stay close to us until the end of time to teach us, comfort us and make us holy.

The Holy Eucharist is a sacrament, a sacrifice, a thanksgiving and abiding presence of Jesus both as God and as Man in the appearances of bread and wine.

The Eucharist is a sacrifice because it is the re-enactment of Christ's death on the Cross. So, the Holy Eucharist when celebrated makes the death of Christ present to us in sacramental form.

Fr Celestine

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Afternoon Club will meet on 29 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.

Mass Intentions 18th July – 26th July 2026

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)

Monday 20th (celebrated privately)

Holy Souls

Tuesday 21st

9.30am Bennici family Ints

Wednesday 22nd

9.30am Mary Lynch RIP

Thursday 23rd

9.30am Holy Souls

Friday 24th

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Saturday 25th Sunday Vigil Mass

9.30am Celebrants Ints

6.30pm Bob & Anne Power RIP

Sunday 26th 17th Sunday Ordinary Time

9.30am People of the Parish

11am Louis Wong RIP

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

This will resume in September when the School term begins.

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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ALTAR SERVERS MEETING- SUNDAY 19 JULY

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

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.

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

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA: On Saturday, 12th September the Diocese of Brentwood will host the Visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco, at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood. This will be a Day of Prayer & Devotions, with the opportunity for the veneration of the relics. Bishop Alan accompanied by Priests of the Diocese will concelebrate Holy Mass, this will be followed by the Consecration Prayer of the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Bishop Alan.

As this is a Day of Prayer, we ask all those participating to bring a packed lunch, teas and coffees will be available in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Following lunch, there will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with recitation of the Chaplet of Adoration and Reparation. Communal Recitation and reflection on the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed, and then a Docu-film and Talk in the Parish Hall on "Fatima Message for the World." Finally, the Enrolment and Investiture of the Brown Scapular will be facilitated in the Parish Hall. Please see poster for full details.

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: [//www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events-campaigns/](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**.



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 20 July to 26 July

Joseph Fernandez, Fr Pat Taylor, Joseph Pinto, Sarah Turley, Patrick Fernandez, Guy Labat-Rochecouste. Fr John Jones, Fr Dermot Moore, Fr James Cooney.

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.

Mass attendance and collection figures will be published next week.

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