

# 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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## *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.

### **WHY SHOULD I ATTEND MASS (PART 3)**

Holy Communion pours actual grace into the soul. When it is received with attention and devotion, this Holy Sacrament forgives 'Lesser faults', repairing the life of the soul in much the same way as natural food restores and repairs the daily waste of bodily life.

St Ambrose holds that Holy Communion is taken as a remedy for daily infirmity. Holy Communion preserves those who receive it from Sin in the future. This Sacrament gives grace to resist temptation to Sin. Holy Communion remits the temporary punishment due to Sin. Lastly Holy Communion is a pledge of future glory and glorious resurrection (John 6:55).

However, in order to receive the Holy Eucharist worthily we must be baptized, made our First Holy Communion and be in a state of grace.

Finally, the Vatican II council Fathers require from all Christians active participation in the celebration of the Liturgy of the Holy Mass.

***Fr Celestine***

### **PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS**

**Afternoon Club** will meet on 12 August 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 1st – 9th August 2026**

**Saturday 1st Sunday Vigil Mass**

9.30am Celebrants Ints

6.30pm Jerome Philomin & family RIP

**Sunday 2nd 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

9.30am People of the Parish

11am Teresa McKiernan-Brady RIP

**Monday 3rd (celebrated privately)**

Holy Souls

**Tuesday 4th**

9.30am Holy Souls

**Wednesday 5th**

9.30am Helen Carroll (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv)

**Thursday 6th The Transfiguration**

9.30am Elaine Chin Ints

**Friday 7th**

9.30am Bob & Anne Power RIP

**Saturday 8th Sunday Vigil Mass**

9.30am Celebrants Ints

6.30pm Atal/Singh family Ints

**Sunday 9th 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

9.30am Hilary Austen (health recovery)

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.

**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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## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

As a way of promoting lay participation in the mission of the Church, the Diocese encourages the Eucharistic ministers to help in taking Holy Communion to the sick. If any one is interested in helping, please speak to Fr Celestine.

## **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.

## **STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE BEING LEGALISED.**

Assisted suicide campaigners have sadly brought back the Leadbeater Bill. This can be stopped if MPs vote down the Bill on 11 September. Right To Life UK has launched an EasyAction tool to help you email your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11 September.

Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide: <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

## **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](#)

## **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.**



## **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 3 August to 9 August**

Lambertine Morris, Pope Paul VI, John Barry, James McCormick, Giuseppe Vietti, Sidney Boatman, Annabell Page, Fr Henry Tilley, Fr David Coghlan, Fr Hugh Verity, David Payne, Vera Craft, William Willis,

**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: Make your Church a living witness of the Gospel of life, an open home where every life is celebrated, where no one feels unwanted, and where dignity is always honored and protected. Lord Jesus, may we love life as You love it: with tenderness, fidelity, and self-giving.**

Mass attendance last weekend was 196. Thank you very much for your collection offerings.

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