

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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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary– 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.

IS THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM NECESSARY?

Baptism is a Sacrament which imprints an indelible mark on the soul. Water which is the symbol of sanctification is necessary for the administration of baptism.

Baptism removes all stain of original sin and all actual sin. We are born free. As human beings, we have two forms of freedom:- "Freedom from" and "Freedom to" i.e. freedom to choose good and freedom to abstain from evil. No one has the moral right to choose evil nor moral right to avoid the good.

The ordinary Minister of Solemn Baptism is a priest or anyone with the priest's permission.

In case of necessity, anyone with sufficient use of reason may baptise (in danger of death).

Children of Catholic parents should be baptized as soon as possible after birth. Before baptizing, we need to make sure the Catholic education of the child is assured. In baptism, there is need to have a Godparent who is a practicing Catholic. Godparents may be two or more persons provided there will be a good practicing Catholic among them.

Fr Celestine

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Afternoon Club will meet on 26 August from 2-4pm in the hall.

Coffee morning on Sunday 6 September after both morning Masses in the hall.

Murder Mystery night Saturday 19 September, 7.30pm.

Bingo afternoon Saturday 26 September, 3pm

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

Mass Intentions 15th – 23rd August 2026

Saturday 15th Sunday Vigil Mass

9.30am Celebrants Ints

6.30pm Anne Hanrahan RIP

Sunday 16th Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am People of the Parish

11am Anne Hanrahan RIP

Monday 17th (celebrated privately)

Holy Souls

Tuesday 18th

9.30am Holy Souls

Wednesday 19th

9.30am Fr Barto Blaj (birthday)

Thursday 20th

9.30am Deidre Barker RIP

Friday 21st

9.30am Nelita Watts (Ints)

Saturday 22nd Sunday Vigil Mass

9.30am Baby John Keating (anniv)

6.30pm Celebrants Ints

Sunday 23rd 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Dan O'Connell RIP

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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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Elizabeth Dyer, who died on 28 July 2026. Her funeral will be held on 19 August at the City of London crematorium at 12.30pm.

George Henry, who died on 5 August 2026. Details of his funeral have not yet been finalised. May they rest in peace.

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.

HELP NEEDED FOR CLEANING OF ALTAR SERVERS' VESTMENTS

Can you spare an hour or two occasionally to clean and iron the altar servers' vestments. If you can help, please speak to Fr Celestine.

YOUTH MASS

We are hoping to begin Youth Mass in our Parish on first Fridays of the month at 6pm from October 2026. There will be refreshments in the hall after Mass.

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.

SUMMER BBQ RAFFLE PRIZES

There are still prizes which have not been collected. Please contact the Office to arrange collection.

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>

DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON

is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Monday 31 August 2026 from 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on WhatsApp 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA – SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

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. Bring a packed lunch, teas and coffees will be available in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Please see poster for full details.

ADOREMUS 2026 - SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

At St George's Cathedral, Southwark with presentations on Art and Life at 10 am and Mass concelebrated by the Bishops of England and Wales at 12:00, followed by a keynote address by HE Timothy Cardinal Radcliffe, OP on 'The Eucharist: Our Sacrament of Hope in dark times'. The main event will then be a Eucharistic Procession to Westminster Cathedral at 3pm ending with Benediction given by Bishop James Curry at 5pm. We have been asked to let Brentwood know how many people are attending from each Diocese and how they are getting there.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS (COLLECTED FOR THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS)

Please see list of items needed **in the porch**.

Mass attendance last weekend was 215. Thank you very much for your collection offerings and standing orders.

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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 17 August to 23 August

Francis Doublesin, James Hurley, Maureen Sheehan, Philomena Wallace, Dorothy Caola, Maureen Farrell, Martha Moore, Margaret Stakem, Henry Adams,

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's Prayer Intention for August:

For evangelisation in the city:

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.
<https://clicktopray.org/>

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.

