

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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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION –PART 2

In Confirmation, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their fullness.

These gifts are:

Wisdom: This enables us to consider the eternal truths. It illuminates the intellect and directs the will.

Understanding: It helps us to appreciate more deeply the sacraments and ceremonies of the Church and to show due contempt for things of the world.

Counsel: This is the power to decide prudently about God and our salvation.

Fortitude: It gives firmness to the soul to bear difficulties for God; courage to profess the faith, energy necessary for perseverance. It helps us to be patient and steadfast in our trials and temptations.

Knowledge: It enables us to see and use temporal things in such a way as to help us toward our eternal salvation

Piety: Is the disposition to serve God with tenderness and devotion.

The fear of God: This is filial and reverential fear of the majesty of God.

These seven gifts are necessary for our salvation. They enable us to act correctly in a superhuman way. They enable us to live our human lives as God would live a human life.

Fr Celestine

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Coffee morning on Sunday 6 September after both the 9.30am and 11am Masses in the hall.

Afternoon Club will meet on Wednesday 9 September from 2-4pm in the hall.

Youth Group Food & Fun Youth BBQ on 12 September from 4.45pm-6.15pm. Bring a friend.

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 5th Sept– 13th Sept 2026

Saturday 5th

9.30am Celebrants Ints

11am George Henry RIP – Funeral service

Saturday 5th Sunday Vigil Mass

6.30pm Victims of the flood in Nepal & Tibet

Sunday 6th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Catherine Mair (1st anniv)

11am People of the Parish

Monday 7th (celebrated privately)

Holy Souls

Tuesday 8th

9.30am Omoruyi L Oronsaye RIP

Wednesday 9th

9.30am Elaine Chin Ints

Thursday 10th

9.30am Mary Lynch RIP

Friday 11th

9.30am Holy Souls

Saturday 12th

9.30am Celebrants Ints

Saturday 12th Sunday Vigil Mass

6.30pm Atal/Singh family Ints

Sunday 13th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30am Rosemary Poole 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

First session after the summer holidays is on **Sunday 6th at the 9.30am** Mass. Please see the schedule in the porch.

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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CONFIRMATION 26/27

The programme will start with an information evening on **18 September at 6.30pm** followed by sessions and activities in the hall between October and June 2027. For any questions, please contact Jacinta on 07905 973435 or jacinta.balchin@tintabee.co.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 26/27 (Year 3 and above)

Application forms are available in the porch and on the website. Please complete and return to the Parish Office by **Sunday 27 September**. Parents information meeting on **Sunday 4 October at 3pm**. Contact Joanna on 07852 923376 or joannaroberts@gmail.com if you have any queries.

SEASON OF CREATION

September 1st – October 4th is when the Christian family unites worldwide in prayer and action to care for our common home. We each share a common call to care for creation, and this year's theme is "Living Water", inspired by the vision the prophet Ezekiel had thousands of years ago. We have many resources on our parish website including intercessory prayers. Please click [Season of Creation](#) to view.

COFFEE MORNING – SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Join us after the 9.30am and 11am Masses in the hall for a bacon roll and refreshments.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS- 19 SEPTEMBER at 11.30am

All altar servers are invited to attend this Mass at St Joseph the worker, 17 Highview Crescent, Hutton CM13. Please see Fr Celestine if you are planning to attend. There is a poster in the porch with all the details.

MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT – 19 SEPTEMBER, 7.30pm

If you are attending this event, please buy a ticket **in advance** from Tina Marrai. Tina can be contacted on 07941 227743.

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.

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. If you would like a Mass offered for a deceased loved one or for a special intention on a particular date, please arrange this in advance.

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.

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. Please take 30 seconds to email your MP today to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide: <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>. **There are cards in the porch to send to your MP.**

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. Bring a packed lunch. Please see poster for full details.

CARITAS BRENTWOOD- Environment, Laudato Si'

Saturday, 26th September hosted by Brentwood Cathedral of St Mary & St Helen
9:45am arrivals - 12:30pm departures. A talk on Catholic Social Teaching from Fr Matthias Baidoo. Followed by lived experience from parishioners in St Teresa of Lisieux Parish, Lexden.

ST MARGARET'S CANNING TOWN 150th ANNIVERSARY MASS

Former parishioners are invited to the Mass in the grounds of St Helens School, Falcon Street, E13 entrance, on Saturday 26th September at 12 noon. Seating is limited so if you would like to sit we would advise bring a chair.

ADOREMUS 2026 - SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

At St George's Cathedral, Southwark with Mass at 10am concelebrated by the Bishops of England and Wales at 12:00, followed by an address by HE Timothy Cardinal Radcliffe, OP on 'The Eucharist: Our Sacrament of Hope in dark times'. Eucharistic Procession to Westminster Cathedral at 3pm ending with Benediction 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 203. Thank you very much for your collection offerings and standing orders for July..

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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 7 Sept to 13 Sept

Mrs K Dempsey, Mrs M Farrell, Dick Donnelly, May Smith, Don Testro, Teresa Purcell, Gertrude Fox, Mary Case, Archbishop Beck.

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's prayer intention for September

For the care of water: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.
(<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.

