

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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Rev Alan Mair

FORWARD IN FAITH



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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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Holy Orders is the sacrament by which Bishops, priests and other ministers of the Church receive the power and the grace to perform their sacred duties.

Because the Church possesses the Holy Mass, she necessarily possesses a priesthood. The Catholic priesthood is a continuation of Christ, and the Mass is a continuation of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

The priestly power is conferred on the chosen individuals by a sacramental rite through the imposition of hand by the Bishop.

The primary minister of this sacrament is Christ himself but his ministry is mediated to us by men.

The office of the Priesthood is the delegated authority of Christ given to him by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at ordination.

The sacred ministry of the Priest is appointed and given authority by the Church, the mystical body of Christ.

At the ordination, the grace of Holy order is given by sacramental means by the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, who unites the ordinand with Christ as his minister and bestows upon him, the grace of Christ to fulfil the ministry committed to him.

Fr Celestine

Afternoon Club will meet on Wednesday 23 September from 2-4pm in the hall.

Bingo afternoon Saturday 26 September, 3pm

Coffee morning Sunday 4 October after the 9.30am and 11am Masses Harvest Festival Collection for Redbridge Food Bank – Sunday 4th October

Quiz night Saturday 10 October at 7.30pm

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

Mass 19th Sept– 27th Sept 2026

Saturday 19th

9.30am Celebrants Ints

Saturday 19th *Sunday Vigil Mass*

6.30pm Tony Cotter RIP

Sunday 20th *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9.30am Jackie Needs RIP

11am People of the Parish

Monday 21st *St Matthew (celebrated privately)*

Holy Souls

Tuesday 22nd

9.30am Kylian Josephus John Ints

Wednesday 23rd *St Pius of Pietrecina (Padre Pio)*

9.30am Moira McCarron (speedy recovery)

Thursday 24th *Our Lady of Walsingham*

9.30am Jim Moore RIP

11am Nicola McNally RIP- Funeral Mass

Friday 25th

9.30am Jerome Philomin RIP

Saturday 26th *Ss Cosmos & Damian*

9.30am Celebrants Ints

Saturday 26th *Sunday Vigil Mass*

6.30pm Dec'd McCormack & Burton families

Sunday 27th *26th Sunday in Ordinary Time* 9.30am

Fernando Calle Ints

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

Next session is on Sunday 20th 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.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

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

Nicola McNally who died recently. Her funeral will be held here on Thursday 24th September 2026 at 11am. Please also remember her husband Sean and son Rory in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

Caroline Frith who died recently. Details of her funeral have not been finalized. Please remember her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

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 joannafroberts@gmail.com if you have any queries.

CCP and APPLICATIONS PROCESS – SECONDARY CATHOLIC

SCHOOLS ONLY In September 2020 the Episcopal Vicar for Education reminded all priests that a Certificate for Catholic Practice can only be issued for a family when the priest has evidence that they attend Mass on Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation. Fr Celestine will be referring to **completed weekly Mass attendance sheets before issuing a CCP**. Please collect from the porch the instructions to apply for a CCP.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR EVANGELI

GAUDIUM (HOME MISSION) (formerly known as Home Mission Sunday)

This is to support national and diocesan missionary projects.

HARVEST FESTIVAL COLLECTION FOR REDBRIDGE FOOD BANK

– Sunday 4th October Parish Hall during both coffee mornings. To mark the end of the Season of Creation, members of the Parish Youth club will be collecting food donations after both morning masses. Do collect

a flyer from the back of the church to see what food items are most needed. Please bring donations to the hall. Do not leave them in the porch or church.

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 have many resources on our parish website including intercessory prayers. Please click [Season of Creation](#) to view.

YOUTH MASS 2 OCTOBER at 6pm

The Youth Mass in our Parish on first Fridays of the month at 6pm is on 2 October 2026. There will be refreshments in the hall after Mass.

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME – SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

We will be showing the documentary film - The People's Emergency Briefing. This is a UK initiative bringing together leading experts to explain the urgency of the climate and nature crisis. It will help communities understand the scale of the challenge and what action is needed. The Church has a vital role in responding to crises, fostering community dialogue and encouraging care for our common home. Refreshments at 4pm; Film 4.30-5.30 followed by time for discussion.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Catholic schools rely heavily on good governance, we are asking if you, or anyone you know, may be able to support our schools by becoming a foundation governor. Please contact sandramoss@brcdt.org if you would like to find out about becoming a school governor. **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.

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. **URSULINE**

ACADEMY OPEN EVENING on THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER at 5pm.

There will be a welcome talk from the Headteacher at 5.15pm, followed by an opportunity to explore the school. Further details www.uai.org.uk

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS (COLLECTED FOR THE

FRANCISCAN FRIARS) Please see list of items needed **in the porch.**

Mass attendance last weekend was 257. Thank you very much for your collection offerings



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 21 Sept to 27 Sept Patrick McNamee, Cyril Burton, Mrs E Philpot, Mrs Maggs, Iby Varga, James Barry, John Cox. Frank Cearns.

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

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