



# CHURCH OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS STREATHAM

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## PARISH NEWS

**BAPTISM AT ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH:** Baptism is a Sacrament of faith, and the Church asks for a serious and loving commitment by the parents and godparents of a child to live the life of the Sacraments. Parents wishing to be baptised their child at English Martyrs Church Streatham should be living in the parish for more than 6 months. If you belong to another parish you will need to obtain a letter of permission from your parish priest. If you are new to the Parish, you can get a letter from your previous parish to say that you are a practising Catholic.

Baptisms to take place on the last Sunday of every month at 2pm. The date will be confirmed once the preparation course is completed. Please collect a Baptism pack from the parish office for registration at least 4weeks before the preparation date.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** We warmly invite those adults seeking Baptism/Confirmation/Holy Communion to be part our Journey in Faith group. The weekly sessions involve learning about the Catholic faith and the truth and beauty of the Gospel. If you are thinking about becoming a Catholic, please call or email the Parish office. We would love to hear from you.

**CONFIRMATION 2025:** The next confirmation lesson is on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 6pm-7.30pm in the hall.

**CONFIRMATION MASS OF ENROLMENT:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025, 9am will be the Mass of Enrolment for all registered candidates for 2025. Please note the candidates will be doing the welcoming, reading, collection and offertory during the 9am Mass. After Mass we would like to invite all parish prayer sponsors to meet the candidates in the lower and the main hall.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025:** The next lesson is on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025, 9.30am in the hall. Please note there will be a parent meeting in the Church at 9.30am and continue with Holy Mass at 10am.

### REQUIEM MASS

There will be a requiem Mass on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 11.30am for **Late Joan ((Hannah) Day.**  
**Tuesday 9.30am Mass will be as usual.**



*Eternal rest grant unto her O lord, may she rest in peace!*

**TEA & COFFEE:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025, there will be **no morning tea/coffee** after the 9am Mass.

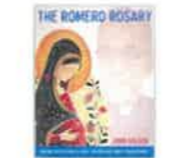
**WORLD DAY FOR SICK:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February is the world day for sick. We shall be having a special Mass at 12noon for all who are sick and housebound. After Mass there will be tea/coffee in the Parish Hall.

**PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** English Martyrs Church have the custody of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. In 2022 the statue visited most homes in the parish and this year we would like to do the same. The statue will be ready to take home on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March Vigil Mass / Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Mass. The statue is to be returned the following Saturday morning so it can be taken again on either at the Saturday vigil Mass or Sunday Morning Mass.



Once you take the statue home, make a little altar where Our Lady of Fatima statue can be placed. When the Pilgrim statue arrives to your homes, we encourage you to kneel in prayer before the mother of the Holy Family, to entrust to her loving care all the struggles and difficulties, joys and sorrows, which we experience day by day in our own family. Let us resolve faithfully to pray the Rosary every day, meditating on the divine mysteries of her Son, as she requested at Fatima, so that we may deserve to experience Our Lady's powerful and consoling assistance in our lives. If you would like to take the statue home, please fill the Our Lady of Fatima Home Visit booking form that is in the Church porch.

**THE ROMERO ROSARY:** Archbishop John Wilson has written a new book entitled The Romero Rosary. With introductory chapters about St Oscar Romero and the rosary, this beautiful and creative new book contains reflections on the traditional mysteries of the rosary (*Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory*) and the *NEW* Romero Mysteries (*Charity, Compassion and Mercy, & Justice and Peace*) - all illumined for reflection and prayer by the words of St Oscar Romero. The book is available from Pauline Bookshops and online at [www.paulineuk.org](http://www.paulineuk.org). The Archbishops warmly invites everyone to the book launch on Wednesday 12 February 2025 at 6.00 for 6.30pm at Amigo Hall, adjacent St George's Cathedral, Southwark, South London. SE1 7HY.



### SUNDAY COLLECION

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
A/C Name: RCAS STREATHAM  
A/C: 23416386 S/C: 60-20-39

#### For Contactless Donation

Please use the Card Machines in the Church or use the QR CODE



#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Loose Collection: £333.82  
Gift Aid Envelopes: £ 55.00  
**Total Collection: £388.82**

## THIRD SUNDAY IN YEAR C THE WORD OF GOD

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Private Intentions of Maria Pearson
	11.30am	For the Parish of English Martyrs
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feast of St Angela Merci, Virgin	9.30am	Holy Souls
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> St Thomas Aquinas	9.30am	RIP Betuel Khanyile
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Feria	7.30pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> Feria	9.30am	RIP Peter Gilmore
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> St John Bosco	9.30am	Private Intentions of Maria Pearson
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> The Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday Vigil Mass	10am 6.30pm	Holy Souls For the Parishioners of English Martyrs

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday & Friday:

8am -9.20am

Wednesday

6.30pm -7.20pm

### CONFESSION TIMES

Friday 8.45am -9.15am

Saturday :5.30pm -6.15pm

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Next weekend (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>d</sup> February) is the Feast of The Presentation of the Lord or presentation of Christ in the Temple, the occasion when the Virgin Mary, in obedience to Jewish law, went to the Temple in Jerusalem both to be purified 40 days after the birth of her son, Jesus, and to present him to God as her firstborn. The feast focuses on Jesus' early life. According to the New Testament gospel, a Jewish man named Simeon held the baby in his arms and said that he would be a light for the Gentiles (Luke 2:32). It is for this reason that this event is called Candlemas. Christians consider Jesus as the "light of the world" so it is fitting that candles are blessed on this day and that a candle-lit procession precedes the mass. The candle procession will start from the parish hall and towards the Church, and the Mass will begin. **Candles will be blessed on that day, please do bring a candle or take one from the porch.**



**PARISH MOTO**  
**(That they may**  
**all be one)**

### SOCIAL MEDIA

**Facebook:** English Martyrs RC Church in Streatham London  
**Facebook:** Archdiocese of Southwark  
**Instagram**  
**RC Southwark(@rcsouthwark)**  
**Twitter-X** X.RC\_Southwark

## 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### PARISH INFORMATION

#### PASTORAL TEAM

Fr Paul Okora  
**Parish Priest**  
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(07377 452705 after office hours)

Fr Johnson Joseph OIC  
**Assistant Priest**

#### PARISH OFFICE

Dinusha Fernando  
**Parish Secretary**

**Parish office opening Hours**  
Mon: Closed  
Tue & Wed: 10.30am -3.30pm  
Thu & Fri: 8.30am -3.30pm

#### PARISH SAFEGUARDING

Mary Goggin  
Marian O'Donohue  
07932467761

### HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

#### 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Entrance: 890

Gloria in the Newsletter

Offertory: 110

Communion: 919,95

Recessional: 227