

## PARISH NEWS

**BLESSING OF THROATS:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February is the Feast of St Blaise. Blessing of the Throats ceremony will be held after the 9.30am Mass.

**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 4 weeks 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 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.

The Next Confirmation lesson is on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 6pm –7.30pm in the parish hall.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025:** The next lesson is on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 9.30am in the hall.

**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY:** As we journey through the Jubilee Year 2025, themed "*Pilgrims of Hope*", we are invited to walk together in faith and solidarity, seeking justice, dignity, and peace for all. In this spirit, the Racial and Cultural Inclusion Commission, under the leadership of Canon Victor Darlington, warmly extends this invitation to you and your parish community to join us for **Racial Justice Sunday on 16 February 2025**, as we reflect on the theme: "*Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice*". This special celebration will be led by Archbishop John Wilson, who will preside over the **10:00 AM Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark**. To mark this occasion in a spirit of unity and cultural diversity, we encourage attendees to wear traditional attire and, where possible, bring a flag representing their country of origin. This will be a beautiful expression of the universal nature of our Church and our shared commitment to justice and inclusion. Following the Mass, refreshments will be served in Amigo Hall, offering an opportunity for fellowship and conversation.

### PILGRIM DAY TRIP TO OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

We are planning a day trip to Our Lady of Walsingham on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025. If you are interested in going please write your name down in the church porch so we could book a coach depending on the number of people.

**WORLD DAY FOR SICK:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February is the world day for the 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.

### Room for Rent

A parishioner at English Martyrs is looking to rent a one bed room. Please email the parish office for more information.

**VANBRUGH CONCERT:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 at 6.30pm we shall be having the Vanbrugh Baroque Concert in the Church. Admission is free, all donation on the day go towards the Church Maintenance.

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

**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.

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.



## SUNDAY COLLECTION

A/C Name: RCAS STREATHAM

A/C: 23416386 S/C: 60-20-39

### For Contactless Donation

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**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Loose Collection: £453.13

Gift Aid Envelopes: £215.00

**Total Collection: £668.13**