

PARISH NEWS

CONFIRMATION 2025: Our fullest Congratulations to all who were Confirmed on Saturday 17th May 2025. Thank you to all who have been involved for the preparation and celebration – especially Marian O'Donohue, Mary Goggin, Sr Christian Anyariri, Hamd Fadega, Sean Naughton, Magda Pindel and Dinusha Fernando who gave their time very generously as Catechists helping the young people throughout their journey to Confirmation. Thank you to all the prayer sponsors for keeping the newly confirmed in your prayers.

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SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2025. Sunday 18 May is Safeguarding Sunday and Archbishop John has issued a pastoral letter. In his letter, Archbishop John said "Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. Each of us — clergy, volunteers, parents, parishioners — is called to remain vigilant, informed, and committed to the well-being of every member of our community". You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday, including accessing the full pastoral letter, at rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday25.

LENTEN CHARITY BOX: If you have collected a Lenten Charity box, please return them with your donations as soon as possible.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025: The next lesson is the First Holy Communion Mass rehearsal on Saturday 7th June 2025, 10.30am -12noon in the Church.

First Holy Communion Mass is on Saturday 14th June 2025 at 11am.

First Holy Communion thanks giving mass is on Sunday 15th June 2025 11.30am

ENGLISH MARTYRS This week's Martyr is **Blessed Margaret Pole**.

Let's look at the life of one of the women remembered in our church. **Margaret Pole**, is commemorated in her statue which is on the left-hand side as we face the altar, Margaret led a privileged life as the Countess of Salisbury and a cousin of King Henry VIII who described her, some years before her death as "the saintliest woman in Christendom". One of her sons, Reginald, was the last Catholic Archbishop of Canterbury. None of that privilege saved her from being executed in 1539 following months of imprisonment under a very harsh jailer, for the alleged crime of carrying letters to the Pope. She was made Blessed Margaret by Pope Leo XIII in 1886 and her Feast day is 28 May. Margaret Pole was a mother, wife, sister and daughter, who had been a close companion of and carer for the King's daughter Princess Mary during her childhood. We remember her life as a Catholic woman in a man's world and her courage in facing the ultimate penalty for holding true to her faith.

GIFT AID ENVELOPS: Gift Aid envelope boxes are ready for collection. Please collect it from the Sacred Heart Chapel.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection next weekend 24/25th May 2025 weekend for LEpra. Lepra is a charity meeting the needs of people affected by leprosy and ensuring that they are represented at local and government level.

Leprosy is a disease that affects the nerve endings in the hands and feet and can affect the blink reflex of the eyelids. If not treated early enough it can cause life-changing disabilities and even blindness. One-in-two people diagnosed with leprosy suffer moderate to severe depression and anxiety due to the prejudice and discrimination associated with the disease. Evidence shows over 3 million people are living with undiagnosed leprosy. Over 4 million people are living with a life-changing disability caused by leprosy.

But it is curable! 2024 was Lepra's Centenary Year and for over 100 years Lepra's research has led to new and innovative approaches to healthcare programmes. Lepra seeks to provide better detection, treatment and support mechanisms, to advocate for those without a voice, to challenge prejudice wherever it exists, to strengthen local health systems and to help provide sustainable healthcare in partnership with local communities for a future free from the terrible impact of the disease.

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 baptise 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 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 four 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. Please email streathamrcia@rcaos.org.uk

SUNDAY COLLECTION

A/C Name: RCAS STREATHAM A/C: 23416386 S/C: 60-20-39

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

Loose Collection: £376.47 Gift Aid Envelopes: £ 55.00 Total Collection: £431.47

Priest Training Fund Second Collection 10/11th May 2025 £ 318.11 and card collection £ 172.00

Thank you for your generosity

