

REGINA CAELI

During the Season of Easter, at the end of the bidding Prayers, instead of the Hail Mary we shall sing the Regina Caeli, another traditional Catholic Prayer to our Blessed Mother:

*Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia:
Quia quem meruisti portare,
alleluia.
Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia*

*(Queen of Heaven Rejoice Alleluia !
For the one you were found worthy to bear
Alleluia !
Has risen as he said Alleluia !
Prayer for us to God Alleluia !)*

REQUIEM MASS

There will be a Requiem Mass on Thursday 8th May at 1.30pm for the late **JACQUES MARCEL HALSEY**

May he Rest in Peace.

132nd ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH

On Sunday 4th May 2025 we celebrate the 132nd anniversary of the of The English Martyrs church. After both 9am and 11.30am Mass you are invited to the parish hall for slice of celebration cake and tea/coffee.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Congratulations to the members of the Parish Pastoral Council.

Elizabeth Woahene, Marian O'Donohue, Mary Goggin, Bernadette Mordi-Clarke, Yvonne Gurney, Michael Daniel, Hamd Fadega, Sean Naughton, Vitus Anuniru, Rocio Dove and Dinusha Fernando.

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body that strives to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit among God's people in the Parish, helping the Parish priest in fostering Pastoral activity.

ALTAR SERVERS

On the Feast of the English Martyrs we recognized all our altar servers. We are blessed with the most amazing team of servers. Most of our servers have been part of the Guild of St Stephen which promotes faithful service, prayer and dedication to the service at the altar, enabling the whole congregation to enter more deeply into the sacred mysteries that we celebrate together. Our servers undergo a lot of training, especially in preparation for Easter & Christmas, and we are all so grateful for their efforts and commitment. We asked parishioners to share their thanks for all that our team of altar servers give to the parish.

Thank you all you altar servers for giving up your time to serve the Lord and our parish community. Much appreciated.

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

BAPTISM AT ENGLISH MARTYRS

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 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 four weeks before the preparation date.

MAY-MONTH OF MARY



We have now begun the month of May, which among Catholics is well-known as "Mary's Month," a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mary has a unique and privileged place in salvation history and in the Church. Because she responded yes to becoming the Mother of God, she is our first model of discipleship and our model of grace and trust in God. Among Catholics, May is most well-known as "Mary's Month," a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

During this month - and beyond! - we can try to be a little more like Mary. If we love someone, we will want to try to get to know them better and follow in their ways. St Louis de Montfort created a list of 10 virtues which he felt Mary embodied and we can try each day to follow Mary in her: Deep Humility, Surpassing Purity, Lively Faith, Ardent Love, Blind Obedience, Heroic Patience, Unceasing Prayer, Angelic Kindness, Constant Self-Denial, And Heavenly Wisdom! These are not all easy to do to and certainly not all of the time but we can try especially hard during May to become better people, less focused on self and more focused on others.

In Fatima, Portugal in 1917 just before The Great War, Mary appeared to three children and asked them to pray the Rosary to help save the world. Pope Saint John Paul II too insisted that everyone pray the Rosary for the peace and salvation of the family.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 3rd May 10am: Birthday Janice Jones

Saturday 3rd May (Vigil Mass) 6.30pm: Foundation Mass for Denis Hugh Walsh

Sunday 4th May 9am: Birthday of Agnes D'Souza

Sunday 4th May 11.30am Mass: Foundation Mass for Fr William Lloyd

St Mary's Care Home(Only for the Residents) 10.30am

Mon 5th May 9.30am (Feria): Protection of Global Pilgrims and Pilgrimages

Tue 6th May (St John Paine, Priest & Martyr) 9.30am: RIP Sonia Amores

Wed 7th May (Feria) 7.30pm: RIP Bridie & Timothy Ahern 7.

Thu 8th May (Feria) 9.30am: Holy Souls pf Menezes Gama, Fernandes and Castello Family

Fri 9th May (Feria) 9.30am: RIP Bernadette Ahern

CONFESSIONS:

Fri : 8.45am -9.15am

Sat:5.30pm -6.15pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

The next lesson is on Saturday 10th May 2025 at 9.30am in the hall.

CONFIRMATION 2025

Saturday 10th May 2025 is the retreat day. Mass of Inscription is on Sunday 11th May 2025 at 9am.

We would like to invite all Parish Prayer sponsors for morning tea after the 9am Mass.

CONFIRMATION MASS



Saturday 17th May 2025 Forty-nine Candidates will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish. **Saturday evening mass will be at 6pm on that day and it will be the Mass of Confirmation.**

PILGRIM STATUE

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. This week it will visit **Agnes D'Souza's Family**. Week after the statue will move to **Supem Fernando's Family**.

OFFERTORY DONATION

For all Mass Bookings and Parish Donations

* For standing order and Gift Aid, form available on the Parish web site: www.englishmartyrsparish.life

* Contactless machine is at the back of the Church

• On-line banking Name: RCAS STREATHAM ,
Sort Code: 60-20-39 A/C Number 23416386

Please indicate:

- Cash/cheques.
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Sunday Collection for 27th April 2025

Loose Cash	£	517.54
Gift Aid Envelopes	£	110.00
Total	£	627.54

Collection for St George's Cathedral was £277.72
Card Collection for Month of April 2025: 1055.00
Standing Order Offertory for April 2025: £2882.00
Thank you for your generosity

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection next weekend (10/11th May) for Priest Training Fund