

PARISH NEWS

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRISTI (CORPUS CHRISTI): Sunday 22nd June is the Feast of the Corpus Christi. The Corpus Christi procession will take place after the 11.30am Mass. (After the post Communion prayer) This is a Catholic tradition where the Blessed Sacrament is carried through the streets to publicly proclaim the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It's a public expression of faith and worship, often held on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. The procession will start from Church, Mitcham Lane towards Ambleside Avenue, Tooting Bec Gardens Road and then back to the Church. The procession will include:

- The priest carries the Blessed Sacrament, often in a monstrance, symbolizing the presence of Christ.
- Participants will sing hymns and prayers, expressing their faith and adoration.
- We would like to invite everyone to join in and especially all the Children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this year.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY COMMUNION: All Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic, please note 21st/22nd June 2025 weekend during Mass you will be invited to renew your commitment as an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister.

THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST: Tuesday 24th June 2025 is the nativity of St John the Baptist. There will be mass at 9.30am in the morning.



THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS: Friday 27th June is the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mass is at 9.30am in the morning.

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Feast Mass is on Saturday 28th June 2025 at 10am

PRE-LOVED FASHION SALE: Sunday 29th June 2025, the choir is hosting a pre-loved fashion sale after both 9am and 11.30am Mass. All proceeds go towards the Church Maintenance.

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 of 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

ENGLISH MARTYRS This week's Martyr is **St John Kemble**. John Kemble worked as a missionary priest in Hereford and Monmouthshire, preserving the Catholic faith when it was under great threat. He was a very popular man locally, with Catholics and Protestants alike, but like St John Wall, was falsely accused of plotting against the King and arrested. He maintained his innocence throughout questioning and was eventually freed but made to walk back from London to Hereford, despite being an elderly man. When he got there, he was re-arrested, for being a priest, and was sentenced to death at the age of 80 which he faced fearlessly. He asked to be allowed one last smoke, a drink, and to finish his prayers, before dying. It is said that his executioner really did not want him to die.

MISSIO: Please collect the Missio envelopes after Mass from the back of the Church.

NEW MASS ATTENDANCE CARD Dear Parents, there are new Mass Attendance Cards available in the Church porch for Saturday evening and Sunday Morning Masses. Please get them stamped from the Priest/ Catechists after Mass.

SCHOOLS

Please note if you are applying for a Catholic Primary or Secondary school where you need to get a priest's reference, the attendance card will help the Parish Priest in filling the reference form. Please note signing the Mass attendance from mid-year does not give a true account of your Catholic Practise.

SACRAMENT

If you would like your child to receive any of the Sacraments below use the Mass attendance card as it from now. Not Nearer the sacrament time for the following

- Baptism
- First Holy Communion
- Confirmation.

All sacraments should be received with great faith and eagerness because Christ instituted the sacraments to nourish Christian life. Coming regularly to Sunday Mass helps each and every one to grow in faith, not merely coming near to the Sacrament of preparation time.

It has been noticed that soon after the children receive any of the above sacraments or the school reference forms have been completed by the priest quite a lot of families tend to stop coming to church till the next need arises. Children are a gift from God, as it says in Titus 2:7 "In everything set them an example by doing what is good". When it comes to passing on the faith to children, parents are the first educators. Be an example to them in words and action. Jesus described his entire life as a mission "to bear witness to the truth". We, too, should bear witness to the truth in our words and example, and teaching our children to do the same.

Do not let your faith be a tick to the Mass attendance slip, let it be a **gift of God which enables you to serve God in Spirit and in truth.**

SUNDAY COLLECTION

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

Collection on 14/15th June 2025: Loose Collection: £525.17

Gift Aid Envelopes: £ 165.92 **Total Collection: £691.09**

Day for Life Collection £194.19

Thank you for your generosity and all who donated through the new Gift Aid envelopes last week. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the Church porch.

