

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 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.



BAPTISM: We congratulate and welcome into the family of the Church **ROMILLIE PUGH, ROWAN GREAVES and ARIADNE PATIENCE** who will be Baptised on Sunday 29th June 2025
We wish them and their families the joy of the Holy Spirit.

REQUIEM MASS: Friday 4th July 2025 there will be a requiem Mass for **Late MARTINA WOAHE** at 12noon. Morning 9.30am
Mass will be as usual.



We pray for her family and keep her in our prayers. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord.*

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.

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

SECOND COLLECTION: This year, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul falls on the final Sunday of June and marks the occasion of the annual *Peter's Pence* collection. This tradition offers each of us a tangible way of supporting the Holy Father in his mission of service to the Universal Church. Peter's Pence is, in essence, a gesture of communion — an expression of solidarity with the Pope in his work of proclaiming the Gospel, promoting peace, and extending Christian charity to those most in need.

<https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/dona.html>

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. Late attendance will result the mass card not getting stamped.

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.**

ENGLISH MARTYRS This week's Martyr is **Oliver Plunkett**. Oliver Plunkett was the last priest to be executed at Tyburn in London in 1681. He was born in Ireland, which he left to go to Rome to become a priest. Catholics were very heavily persecuted in Ireland at that time and he fought for them, becoming Bishop of Armagh (now in Northern Ireland). Following a widespread conspiracy known as the "Popish Plot", leading to a belief that Catholics planned to assassinate King James II, Plunkett was arrested, tried and sentenced to death. ON being found guilty he is reported as saying "thanks be to God" His head was separated from his body and was taken to Armagh and then to Drogheda in Ireland where it remains, at the Cathedral there. He was made a saint as recently as 1975, at that time the first new Irish Saint for 700 years and Pope John Paul II visited his remains in Drogheda during his visit to Ireland.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

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

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Collection on 21/22nd June 2025: Loose Collection: £347.92

Gift Aid Envelopes: £ 75.00 Total Collection: **£419.92**

Church Maintenance: £392.28

Thank you for your generosity.

