

PARISH NEWS

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL FOR THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL (MSP)

We welcome Fr. Finbarr Felix MSP, of the Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP), this weekend who is here for the MSP mission. The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. The MSP warmly invites you to support their mission appeal. There will be a second collection at all Masses. You can donate via using the card machine at the back of the Church or by setting up a direct debit or by cheque using the provided account details:

Account Name: The Missionary Society of St Paul Sort code: 202963

Account No: 73306224 Bank Name: Barclays Bank

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SECOND COLLECTION: The annual second Collection on Sea Sunday for Stella Maris will be on 19/20th July Weekend. There are special envelopes at the back of the Church.

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 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.



A NOTE OF THANK YOU: "The 4th of July marked a special occasion for us all to come together to give thanks and celebrate the life of our beloved Martina. We as a family would like to thank you so much for your contribution, support and the love shown to make the day such a wonderful and memorable occasion "from *Woahene Family*.

ENGLISH MARTYRS – This week's Martyr is John Carey. Unlike many of the Martyrs. John Carey was neither a priest nor a member of a religious order. Born in Ireland, he came to England to work as a servant of a wealthy Catholic man, Thomas Bosgrave. During a visit to the country estate of Bosgrave's uncle, the local sheriff was told that there was a priest on the premises and the priest, family members and servants were all arrested. Along with the Bosgrave family members, John Carey refused to deny his Catholic faith though as a servant he may have escaped his fate had he done so. He was brave to the last, kissing the noose with which he was to be hung and calling it his "previous collar". Like so many John was a migrant who had come to England for work. He loyally served both God and his employer.

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. 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 5/6th July 2025: Loose Collection: £472.83

Gift Aid Envelopes: £ 81.00 **Total Collection: £553.83**



Church Maintenance: £48.00 (from 6th July Cake Sale)

Thank you for your generosity.