

## PARISH NEWS

**WORLD DAY FOR THE CARE OF CREATION.:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September the Catholic Church celebrates the world day for the care of the creation. As we pray and thank God for the world we live in and for each other.

### Prayer for Creation

Father, Lord of all creation,  
we praise you with all your creatures  
and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands.  
We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility  
that You give us as stewards of Your creation.  
In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home  
and our brothers and sisters are suffering.  
Through faithfully following your Son  
guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.  
Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe,  
for all things speak of You.  
Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You have created,  
using wisely all that you have entrusted to us.  
Holy Spirit, who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos  
help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out.  
You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen.

**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.

**BAPTISM:** We congratulate and welcome into the family of the Church **CHIBINOBIM LILIAN ONYIRIUKA** who will be Baptised on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025.  
We wish her and her family the joy of the Holy Spirit.

**WELCOME SUNDAY: Next weekend on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025** after both 9am and 11.30am Masses there will be a parish welcome Sunday with Bacon butties, Irish coffee, Tea/Coffee. We would like to invite all new parishioners to join us as this would be a great opportunity to meet the priests and introduce yourselves. This would be a good opportunity to catch up with friends over the lovely Summer holiday memories and looking forward to the rest of the year.

**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](mailto:streathamrcia@rcaos.org.uk)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Parents who are intending to register children for First Holy Communion 2026, please note that the children will be tested on the following prior to starting the lessons. You are encouraged to make these parts of your family prayers.

· Sign of the Cross · Our Father (Prayer) · Hail Mary (Prayer) · Glory Be to the Father (Prayer)

**A DAY OF RETREAT:** A day of retreat for **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND READERS** for the South East area, will take place at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, SW16 2HY, on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025 for Parishes in the Deaneries of Camberwell, Lewisham and Lambeth. If you would like to attend please give your name and contact details to the parish office **before 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025**. More details of the programme for the retreat day will be available in September 2025

**SCHOOL REFERENCES:** Parents who are intending to apply for a Catholic Primary/ Secondary school for 2026 September entry, please send the following documents to the parish office. **Please do not email the documents to the office.**

**Closing date for Secondary School: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025, Primary School: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

1. Initial Reference form (that can be requested from the parish office or collect from the church porch)
2. Copy of the Child's Baptism certificate
3. Family photo
4. All school forms for priest's reference.
5. Copy of the Mass Attendance Card. You are required to stamp a mass attendance card whenever you come to Mass, as this helps the priest in giving you a reference.

**All sign Secondary School documents to be collected from Fr Paul in person on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 from 4pm -6pm. Please note there are no appointments, first come first serve basis.**

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

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