

PARISH NEWS

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION: Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Friday 15th August 2025. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. There are days other than Sundays on which we celebrate the great things God has done for us through Jesus and the saints. Therefore, this means that Catholics must attend Mass on those days. **There will be Mass on Friday 15th August at 9.30am and 7.30pm in the evening**

REQUIEM MASS: There will be a requiem Mass for Late **INGEBORG WOLNY** on Monday 11th August 2025 at 12 noon. We pray for her family and keep her in our prayers. *Eternal Rest grant unto her O Lord!*

Monday 9.30am Mass will be as usual.

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

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)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Children's Liturgy will resume back after the summer school holidays. It will start on **Sunday 7th September 2025**. We are looking for more parent volunteers who can help us with the children's liturgy. Please email the parish office with your contact details.

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, 25th 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 21st September 2025**. More details of the programme for the retreat day will be available in September 2025.

WELCOME SUNDAY: On **Sunday 7th 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.

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: 30th September 2025, Primary School: 16th 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 3rd October 2025 from 4pm -6pm. Please note there are no appointments, first come first serve basis.

NEW MASS ATTENDANCE CARD: Please get the new Mass Attendance Cards stamped from the Priest/ Catechists after the Saturday evening Mass or after Sunday Masses. Mass attendance card will be required if you need to get a Catholic Practise Letter from the Parish priest for schools and for all Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation registration. 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.

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