

PARISH NEWS

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

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 below prayers prior to starting the lessons. Testing **will take place on Saturday 4th October 2025 from 10.45am – 11.30am**. Enrolment forms will be given to the parents for all the children who have successfully completed the test. Completed forms to be returned to the parish office before **18th October 2025**. Please note no registration forms will be accepted after the closing date. You are encouraged to make this part of your family prayers.

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

CONFIRMATION 2025: If you are in year 8 or above at present and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please collect a registration form from the priest after the weekend Masses. Please note the candidate must collect it, not by parent. Closing date for all registration is **1st October 2025**. Please note no forms will be accepted after the closing date. Completed forms should be return to the parish office with a copy of the baptism, First Holy communion certificate of the candidate. And a copy of the Mass attendance card. Incomplete forms will be not be accepted.

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Sunday 19th October 2025 is the World Mission Sunday. To celebrate all nationalities that makes our parish community we shall have an International Day Mass at 11.30am There will be bidding prayers in different languages and after Mass a reception with cuisines from different parts of the world. Please bring a dish to share, the food name list is at the back of the Church. If you would like to give a donation towards the reception please do so through the Card Machine or the special envelopes at the Back.

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

SCHOOL REFERANCES: 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 signed 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.

SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS: St Andrew's Catholic Primary School Streatham. If you wish to apply for a Reception place for your child for September 2026, we are delighted to invite you to our Open Mornings on the following dates:
Tuesday 1st October 2025, Wednesday 15th October 2025, Wednesday 5th November 2025, Wednesday 19th November 2025, Wednesday 26th November 2025

MISSIO: Missio envelopes are ready to be collected from the back of the Church, please return them as soon as possible.

WELCOME SUNDAY: Thank you to all the who donated and helped with last Sunday's Irish Coffee and Bacon Butti Total of £361.73 was raised for the Church Maintenance. Thank you all who came and support the Parish.

OFFERTORY DONATIONS: Most of you may have noticed that our Sunday loose cash collection is massively dropped down. One reason could be is most of us are carrying less or no cash at all. We have got used to taping our cards, phones and smart watches for easy payments. For offertory donations if you do not have any loose money please do use the card machines at the back of the Church. The Parish donation QR CODE posters are available at most places in the Church and in the parish newsletter. When you scan the QR CODE it takes you straight to the parish donation and you can use the amount which you want to donate. If you would like to set up a standing order please use the Church bank details below.

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

6/7th September. Offertory £ 381.50 Gift Aid Env £ 116.00 Total £497.50

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