

PARISH NEWS

INVITATION TO GROW IN FAITH- DISCOVERY- You may be aware that the diocese of Southwark is undertaking a programme of evangelisation. The Discovery programme consists of six Lessons: God's love, Love's initiative, Jesus Christ - Our Lord, Jesus Christ - Our Saviour, Love is Offered, A New Life. Meetings will last one hour from 7pm -8pm and there will be an opportunity for group members to share on their experience of the Scripture reading for each week, how Scripture speaks to them in the here and now. This programme will start on **Tuesday 21st October 2025 in the Parish hall**. If you would like to deepen your faith in scripture please do come.

INTERNATIONAL MASS: On Sunday 19th October 2025 we shall be celebrating our International Mass at 11.30am This is to celebrate all the different nationalities that makes our Parish Community. On this World Mission Sunday, we come together as one where the bidding prayers are done in different languages. After Mass there will be a reception with cuisines from different parts of the world. All donations for food and drinks in the hall will go towards fixing the Church damp wall.

Sunday 19th October 2025 after the 9am Mass there will be Croissants, Savoury finger food, Prosecco and tea/coffee

NEW ALTAR SERVERS: If you have made your First Holy Communion, and would like to assist the priest during the Mass as an Altar Server we would like to invite you to attend the following preparation classes. Saturday 8th and 15th November 2025 from 10am -12noon Please note you have to attend **all two lessons**.

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 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.

INDUCTION MASS OF CANON GREGORY VERISSIMO: If you have written your name down and yet not done the payment to attend Canon Gregory's induction Mass, can do so this weekend. Payment can be done by card, cash, cheque or bank transfer.

Friday 31st October 2025 Trip details:

4.45pm to meet in front of the Church

Coach leaves at 5pm.

Induction Mass at 6.30pm.

After Mass there is a reception.

To leave Downham at 10pm back to Streatham

MASS ATTENDANCE CARD: Children who are intending to prepare for Baptism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please get your Mass Card stamped either on Sunday morning or Saturday Vigil Mass.

SCHOOL REFERENCES: Parents who are intending to apply for a Catholic Primary 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 Primary School: 16th November 2025

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

All signed Primary School documents to be collected from Fr Paul in person on Friday 21st November 2025 from 4pm - 6pm. Please note there are no appointments, first come first serve basis.

JOB VACANCY: We are looking for a cleaner who can work Monday, Wednesday and Friday total of 6hrs and Monday to Friday total of 5hr per week at the Southwark Marriage Tribunal office. Total of 11hrs per week, £12.50 per hour. To start as soon as possible. If you are interested please call or email the parish office before 25th October 2025.

ALL SAINTS DAY: This year all Saint Day will be celebrated on Sunday 2nd November 2025. Mass times would be 9am and 11.30am and the Saturday 1st November 2025, 6.30pm Vigil Mass.

ALL SOULS DAY: This year it will be on Monday 3rd November 2025. This is the commemoration of All Souls when we call to mind all who have died and need our prayers as they journey towards heaven. Not only do we remember those whom we have loved and lost but also those who have died with nobody to pray for them. **There will be mass at 9.30am, 12noon and 7.30pm**

REMEMBRANCE ALTAR: During the Month of November there will be a Remembrance Altar in the Church where you can put a photo of you deceased loved ones and you can place your Holy Souls Envelopes in the Box provided. Please hand over your photos to the parish office.

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