

PARISH NEWS

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 **JAZLYN JOANA RODRIGUES OYOLA** who will be Baptised on Sunday 26th October 2025

We wish all of her and her family the joy of the Holy Spirit.

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

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.

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**.

GRATITUDE: Thank you to the Events Committee for organising last Sunday's International Mass and the receptions afterwards. Thank you to all the parishioners who brought different dishes representing different countries. It was a wonderful occasion that the whole Parish Community got together. Thank you to all who came and supported on that day. A total of £710.00 was raised on the day towards the Church Maintenance.

QUIZ NIGHT: English Martyrs Church Quiz night is back! Saturday 22nd November 2025 at 7.30pm in the parish hall. Adult ticket £10.00 each, under 11yrs is £5.00. Ticket includes entry, meal and a free glass of wine/soft drink. Get your team together (Max 8 in a team) for a night of fun and competition. Great prizes, good company, and a battle of the brains you won't want to miss. Tickets are available after next weekend masses. All proceeds go towards the Church Maintenance.

INDUCTION MASS OF CANON GREGORY VERISSIMO: Please see below the itinerary for the Canon Gregory's Induction Mass.

Friday 31st October 2025

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.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Sunday 7th December 2025 after all Masses. As always, we will be seeking donations for various stalls – especially bottles, homemade items (food or crafts) and good quality or nearly new gifts. There is a donation box available in the church. Our Christmas Fayre is always been an enjoyable event for all ages. Also, it raises funds for the upkeep of the Church Maintenance. Please do help us to make this year a big success than the previous year.

LESS PRIVILEGED CHRISTMAS DINNER: Saturday 13th December 2025 12.30pm – 2.30pm the parish will be preparing Christmas Dinner for the less privileged as we have done in past years. As a parish community to show our support by donating a £10 gift voucher or by giving any warm clothing such as gloves, socks or toiletries. If you are able to support, kindly hand the gift cards to any of the priests after mass or drop them through the letterbox of the presbytery. (Gift cards from Tesco, Sainsbury)

SUNDAY COLLECTION A/C Name: RCAS STREATHAM A/C: 23416386 S/C: 60-20-39
18/19th October 2025 Collection. Offertory £ 396.61 Gift Aid Env £ 95.00 Total £491.61
Second Collection for MISSIO £ 487.19 (including card)
MISSIO Cake & Soft Toy Sale £265.00

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