

PARISH NEWS

JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE: To mark the Jubilee Year of hope as a parish we will be going to our diocesan Cathedral St George's on Thursday 27th November 2025. We will be leaving at 10.30am and taking the 159 bus to Imperial War Museum, from there it will be a short walk to the Cathedral. Programme includes to walk through the Holy door, adoration, Holy Mass at 12.30pm after Mass to have a packed lunch nearby.

PARISH MEMORIAL MASS: Friday 28th November 2025 at 7.30pm We shall be remembering all our parishioners who have gone before us and remember all our loved ones by lighting a candle during mass. After mass there will be tea/coffee.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be second collection on 22/23rd November 2025 for Catholic Youth Service. This collection supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service.

ADVENT TALK- Please make a note in your diary this year our Advent talk will be a short video featuring Late Archbishop Fulton Sheen from USA. A TV series "Life is worth Living" on **Saturday 6th December 2025** after the 10am Mass. There will be tea/Coffee available

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 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)

PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Our parish Christmas Concert is on **Sunday 14th December 2025 at 5pm.** Come and celebrate the festive season with singing, readings and performances from some of our parish communities. All proceeds go towards the Church Maintenance. Tickets go on sale from Sunday 22nd November 2025. Ticket includes a glass of mulled wine/juice (hot chocolate for kids) with a light refreshment.

ENGLISH MARTYRS- This week Martyr is Robert Salt. Robert Salt was one of the many Carthusian monks at the Charterhouse monastery in London who were persecuted for their Catholic faith. He refused to swear the Oath of Supremacy, which would have required him to deny his Catholic faith and the authority of the Pope and instead to acknowledge Henry VIII as the supreme church leader. His refusal led him to be imprisoned at Newgate Jail where he was starved to death. His courage in circumstances where he knew death was the consequence is an inspiration in times where we may face challenge or strife, to remember that our faith in God will provide us with strength to face adversity.

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

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.

SCHOOL REFERENCES: Parents who have submitted applications for the parish priest references for Primary school please see Fr Paul in person on **Friday 21st November 2025 from 4pm -6pm.** Please note there are no appointments, first come first serve basis.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026: Parents who have already registered children for the 2026 First Holy Communion programme, please make a note Saturday 22nd November 2025, 10am Mass and after Mass is the meeting for all the parents, children with Fr Paul and the Catechists.

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

8/9th November 2025 Collection. Offertory £ 529.49 Gift Aid Env £ 101.00 Total 630.49

Second collection for Archbishop's Appeal: £434.37 including card donations

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