

PARISH NEWS

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

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

2025 Jubilee Year
Pilgrims of Hope



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.

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 up keep 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)

CHRISTMAS MINISTRIES: If you are able to read or minister communion at any of the Masses over Christmas, please put down your name on the list at the back of the Church under the time of Christmas Mass you can assist in. Wednesday 24th December 2025, 5.30pm Children's Mass, Midnight Mass, Thursday 25th December 2025- 9am & 11.30am Mass and for 31st December Thanksgiving Mass. Please write which ministries you would be able to serve.

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.

ENGLISH MARTYRS- This week Martyr is **Thomas Welbourne**. Thomas was a Catholic school teacher in Yorkshire. He was very public in his faith and his encouragement to others to keep their Catholic faith despite this having been made illegal in England by King Henry V111. As a teacher he would have been prominent in his community and as a result he was arrested and executed at York on 1 August 1605. We can all remember teachers who have inspired us and encouraged us to be brave or bold, just as Thomas did for those he encountered.

FR JOHNSON: Fr Johnson is away on holiday till 6th December 2025.

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

15/16th November 2025 Collection. Offertory £ 589.85 Gift Aid Env £ 141.00 **Total £730.85**

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