

PARISH NEWS

GRATITUDE: I would like to express my gratitude to all who have helped the parish during this year. Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, readers, altar servers, the Choir, welcome stewards, Catechists of all the Sacraments, Catechists of the Children's Liturgy, all who help with cleaning, flower arranging, maintenance, members of various parish groups, collectors and the young who helps during the Masses. May the Lord Bless you for all what you do to the Church and for the service of his people.

Fr Paul Okora



BAPTISM: We congratulate and welcome into the family of the Church **ARIA JOHN-WESTERDAHL** who will be Baptised on Sunday 30th November 2025

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

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate **JAYNE TREDWELL** who received the full communion into the Catholic Church on Thursday 26th November 2025. May the Good Lord Bless her with his love, peace and joy.

Also, we congratulate **AIMEE & JONATHAN MORRIS** who got married on Friday 21st November 2025, May the Lord Bless and be with them in their Married life.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE: On Sunday 30th November 2025, during the 11.30am Mass we welcome **SHAKIRA WATSON, ALAN ROBLES & ADAM BOATEN** who are preparing to be welcomed into the Catholic Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit leads them in their journey of faith.

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 serious "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. Raffle Tickets are available after weekend Masses.

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.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICES: Please do collect a Christmas Service Programme from the back of the Church. This will give you all the details of the Christmas Masses and the events that will happen in December.

PLEASE NOTE THE PENITENTIAL SERVICE IS ON FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER 2025 AT 7pm

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

PARISH PILGRIMAGE: On Thursday 27th November 2025, as a Parish some of the parishioners went on a pilgrimage to St George's Cathedral. This is to mark the Jubilee Year. The Year of Hope. They went through the Holy Door at the Cathedral, and participated at the Mid-day Mass.



MISSIO: Missio envelopes are ready for collection after Mass. Please return them by 7th December 2025.

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.

SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER TEA & COFFEE: Please note that there is no **tea& coffee after Sunday 30th November 2025** after the 11.30am Mass as there is baptism reception in the hall.

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

22/23rd November 2025 Collection. Offertory £ 489.35 Gift Aid Env £120.00

Total £609.35

For Catholic Youth Service- £362.32

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