PARISH NEWS

PARISH CHRITSMAS 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 are available at the door. Ticket includes a glass of mulled wine/juice (hot chocolate for kids) with a light refreshment.

CHRISTMAS MINISTRIES: If you have put your name down to read or with the Eucharistic Ministry please see the notice board to see which Mass you will be helping.
Altar Servers- Please see the list in the Sacristy-

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

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: Christmas offering envelopes are available at the back of the church for you to put in your Christmas offering. This is your personal gift for the clergy. You can use the card machines at the back as well. Please remember that the collection on Christmas Day is your personal gift to the clergy.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: We would like express our gratitude to all who helped at the last Sunday's Christmas Fayre. From setting up, helping and tiding. ***Especially***: Kitchen: Teri & Jean, Kids Stall- Joyce, Face Painting- Mary, Kids Nail Painting- Alana & Zara, Craft- Mary S, Diane, Agnes O & Marian, Brci-a Brac- Agnes Y, Sonia, Supem & Stephanie, Bottle Tombola- Annette & Stefan, Christmas Decorations- Christine, Karmen, Esther and Naseen, Cake Stall- Vicci & Anne- Marie & Bruce, Raffles- Tracie & Pauline, Cleaning- David .
A sum of **£1785, 06 was raised for the Church Maintenance.**
Thank you to all who donated generously to the fayre, all who came supported in numerous ways. May God Bless you for all what you do to the parish.

Congratulations to our Raffle Prize Winners
1st Prize the Christmas Hamper: Sean Naughton
2nd Prize: Ted Baker Gift Set: Danny Kinsella
3rd Prize Snack Box: Pauline John
4th Prize- Bottle of Champagne: Jean Hudson
5th Prize- Bottle of Red wine+ Toblerone Chocolate- Caroline
6th Prize-Bottle of Prosecco and scented Candle- Stephen
7th Prize- Fortnum & Mason Goody Condiments Bag- Danny

NEW YEAR'S EVE- On Wednesday 31st December 2025 after the midnight Mass, to celebrate the dawning of the new Year, please do bring a dish /drink to share so that we can all celebrate together after Mass in the hall.

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**

MISSIO: Please retune your Missio donation envelopes by Friday 19th December 2025 so we can send the end of year total.

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.

HOUSEBOUND BLESSING: If you are housebound or know someone who is, and would like the priest to come before Christmas for confession & Communion, please call the parish office or call the Fr Paul's mobile- 07377452 705

ENGLISH MARTYR FOR THE WEEK: Humphrey Middlemore. Humphrey Middlemore was from a wealthy family and became a Carthusain Monk, making his profession at Charterhouse in London. The buildings from this 14th century priory remain in part, close to the Barbican. Following the marriage of King Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn, and the refusal by the King to recognise the authority of the Pope and the Catholic church, representatives of the Kind visited the Charterhouse to demand that the monks professes their allegiance to the King. Humphrey and many of his fellow monks refused, and were imprisoned in the Tower of London. They were released for a time but later asked to swear an unconditional oath of loyalty to the King which they refused to do. Humphrey was again imprisoned where he was held in chains around their necks and legs, unable to move, for weeks before being taken to the execution site at Tyburn (near Marble Arch) where they were hanged. Humphrey had the courage to continue to profess his faith in spite of terrible tortures and ultimately chose death rather than renounce his faith.

SUNDAY COLLECTION A/C Name: RCAS STREATHAM A/C: 23416386 S/C: 60-20-39
6/7th December 2025 Collection. Offertory £ 317.99 Gift Aid Env £101.00 Total £418.99
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