

# PARISH NEWS

## CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR SERVICES

Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Eve</b> Children's Mass 5.30pm Carols & Midnight Mass 11.30pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Day</b> 9am & 11.30am Mass 10.30am St Mary's Care Home (For Residents only)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Feast of St Stephen, First Martyr</b> 8am Adoration and 9.30am Mass
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	10am Morning Mass
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b> 9am & 11.30am Mass
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	8am Adoration and 9.30am Mass
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Mass
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>New Year's Eve</b> <b>11pm Adoration and Midnight Mass (Please bring a dish to share after Mass reception)</b>

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026      **New Year's Day** 9.30am Mass.

From Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026, all Masses be as usual.

**ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:** Please collect the Archbishop John Wilson's Christmas message from the Church porch, next to the Newsletter.

**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.

**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.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE-** On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**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

**SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE:** We are looking for volunteers who can help on Sunday after Masses tea/coffee. If you are able to help please speak to the parish office. Without any volunteers we won't be able to continue with Sunday tea/coffee.

**ENGLISH MARTYR FOR THE WEEK:** John Bodey was a layman and an academic who studied and taught at Oxford University and then went to Douai in Belgium to study law. On his return he was arrested for refusing to acknowledge the supremacy of Henry VIII over the Catholic Church. He was imprisoned in Winchester Jail in a letter he wrote from prison he asked for " the good prayers of you all for our strength, our joy, and our perseverance unto the end. "Just before he was hanged for treason he is said to have kissed the chain placed on his neck and said, as he embraced his martyrdom "O blessed chain, the sweetest chain and richest that ever came about any man's neck", confident that he was bound for heaven, his reward for his bravery and faith.

SUNDAY COLLECTION A/C Name: RCAS STREATHAM      A/C: 23416386      S/C: 60-20-39  
13/14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 Collection. Offertory £ 325.55 Gift Aid Env £89.00 Total £414.55

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