

PARISH NEWS

REQUIEM MASS: There will be a requiem Mass for Late **MARK HUGHES** on Thursday 11th December 2025 at 12noon. Morning 9.30am Mass will be as usual.

Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord, may he Rest in Peace.

WELCOME: This weekend we welcome Canon Victor Darlington, who is the Episcopal Vicar for South East area for the Archdiocese of Southwark, who will be celebrating both the 9am and 11.30am Masses.

Recently Canon Victor Celebrated 35yrs of his Priestly Ordination. We congratulate and pray that the Good Lord bless and help him in his ministry among us.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: The big day has finally arrived. Sunday 7th December 2025 is our Christmas fayre starting after the 9am Mass to 2.30pm.

There will be lots of different stalls like Knitted Christmas items (Parish Craft Group), Children's toys & books, bottle tombola, Bric-a-Brac, Christmas decorations, face painting, lovely cakes, Mince Pies, Irish Coffee, tea/coffee, vegetarian soup / Goulash with bread, and roll.



There will be a surprise visitor.....for children.

Do buy your Raffle tickets for the lovely Christmas Hamper, £2.00 a strip. Please do come along after Mass, enjoy and support your Parish. Many thanks to all who donated to the fayre and all who are helping. God Bless you all.

LESS PRIVILEGED CHRISTMAS DINNER: Next week **Saturday 13th December 2025 12.30pm -2.30pm** is the Less Privileged Christmas Dinner. As in the past this year the parish will help the Sisters of the Divine Love who runs the Monthly Soup Kitchen to host Christmas Dinner. Thank you to all who helped in donating Gift Vouchers, other dry food items, clothing and helped with the Christmas Meal donations. Throughout the year we are collecting the Gift Cards to give to anyone who asks for help. Please drop them through the letterbox of the presbytery. (Gift cards from Tesco, Aldi, Iceland, Lidl, Sainsbury)

God Bless you for your generosity.

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 on sale after all weekend Masses. Ticket includes a glass of mulled wine/juice (hot chocolate for kids) with a light refreshment.

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

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.

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: 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.

ENGLISH MARTYR FOR THE WEEK: John Bodey was a layman and an academic who studied and taught at Oxford University and then went to Duoy in Belgium to study law. On his return he was arrested for refusing to acknowledge the supremacy of Henry V111 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

29/30th November 2025 Collection. Offertory £ 373.09 Gift Aid Env £95.00 Total £468.09

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