

## PARISH NEWS

**CONFIRMATION MASS OF ENROLEMENT:** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 9am Mass is the Mass of Enrolment for our confirmation candidates. As our parish please do keep them in your prayers as they Journey towards the Sacrament of Confirmation in May 2026.

**Candidates will be doing the welcoming, reading, collection & Offertory at the 9am Mass.**  
**We invite all Parish Prayer Sponsors to join them in the hall for cup of tea and a chat.**

**CONFIRMATION 2026:** Next Confirmation lesson is on Friday **30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 6pm in the parish hall.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026:** The next lesson for First Holy Communion is on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 at 9.30am.**  
There will be meeting for Parents with Fr Paul in the Church at 9.30am and conclude with Holy Mass at 10am.



**BAPTISM:** We congratulate and welcome into the family of the Church **NOVA BELLE GARCIA COLAIRO** who will be Baptised on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

*We wish him and his family the joy of the Holy Spirit*

**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.

**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)

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection next weekend (24/25<sup>th</sup> January 2026) for St George's Cathedral. For over half a century, St George's Cathedral has been the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Southwark, home to 175 parishes and over 50,000 Roman Catholics. For many Catholics living and working across London and the South East of England, St George's has been a beacon of light. Today, St George's Cathedral continues to attract thousands of worshippers and visitors each year, as well as serving a lively local parish community which proudly reflects the rich cultural and ethnic diversity of South London. The Cathedral frequently hosts important Diocesan and national celebrations, as well as concerts and events for various Catholic charities. There is a rich musical tradition, maintaining a choir of boys and men, as well as a girls' choir, both of which sing at Sunday Masses and on major feasts. In many respects, St George's Cathedral serves as a spiritual home and 'beehive' for Catholic evangelisation and mission across the Archdiocese of Southwark. St George's Cathedral is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding, nor has an endowment to rely on. Your support can enable the Cathedral to remain open daily to those seeking a place of peace, prayer and worship. You can donate through by cash/cheque, using the card machine or the QR code in the poster at the back of the Church.

**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 is Racial Justice Sunday. This special celebration will be led by Archbishop John Wilson, who will preside over the **10:00 AM Mass at St George's Cathedral, Southwark.**

To mark this occasion in a spirit of unity and cultural diversity, we encourage attendees to wear traditional attire and, where possible, bring a flag representing their country of origin. This will be a beautiful expression of the universal nature of our Church and our shared commitment to justice and inclusion. Following the Mass, refreshments will be served in Amigo Hall, offering an opportunity for fellowship and conversation. There will be second collection to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial; justice in our schools, parishes and in the wider Society.

**MASS ATTENDANCE:** Parents who wishing to apply for a Catholic Primary or Secondary School please note to obtain a Catholic Practise Certificate from the Parish Priest, Mass attendance of minimum of **TWO Years** is needed. (This means attending Saturday Vigil or Sunday Masses) If children are planning to register for Sacraments in the future at English Martyrs Church please do get a Mass Attendance Card and get it stamped. Mass Attendance is not only for children who are registered for First Holy Communion/ Confirmation this year. It is for all the who are planning to do it in 2027 & 2028.

**ENGLISH MARTYR FOR THE WEEK:** is **RICARD LANGHORNE**. Richard was a Barrister and practiced from Inner Temple in London, still one of the main bases for Barristers in this country. One of his main clients was the Society of Jesus, better known as Jesuits. He married a Protestant woman but both of his sons were brought up as Catholics and both became priests. Richard was arrested as part of the crackdown on Catholics which followed the circulation of stories of the entirely fictitious "Popish Plot". Allegedly a plan for Catholics to kill King Charles II. Despite a complete lack of evidence against him and prosecution witnesses who were known not to be truthful. Richard was found guilty of High Treason and sentenced to be executed one month later at Tyburn (near what is now Marble Arch). He faced his death bravely, and his final words to his executioner were "*I am desirous to be with my Jesus. I am ready and you need stay no longer for me.*" His story reminds us of the importance of the integrity of all involved in our criminal justice system and we pray that our judges will always uphold truth and honesty.

**DEMENTIA AWARENESS Q&A:** "What is dementia? It's more than just memory loss. Bianca Fritsch, who works as a Dementia Nurse and a Parishioner at English Martyrs will have an informal Talk about Dementia in the parish hall on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026 from 10.45am -11.30am., Join us for a cuppa and a chat as we raise awareness for dementia.

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

**Sunday Collection for 17/18<sup>th</sup> January 2026 Loose Cash £488.85 Gift Aid Env £ 150.00 Total £ 638.85**

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