

PARISH NEWS

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: Tuesday 6th January 2026 is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. It is a Holy day of Obligation. Mass will be at 9.30am in the Morning & 7.30pm in the evening.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: We warmly invite those adults seeking Baptism/Confirmation/Holy Communion to be part of 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

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.

ENGLISH MARTYR FOR THE WEEK is **Robert Salt**. Robert Salt was one of the many Carthusian monks at the Charterhouse monastery in London who were persecuted for their Catholic faith. He refused to swear the Oath of Supremacy, which would have required him to deny his Catholic faith and the authority of the Pope and instead to acknowledge Henry VIII as the supreme church leader. His refusal led him to be imprisoned at Newgate Jail where he was starved to death. His courage in circumstances where he knew death was the consequence is an inspiration in times where we may face challenge or strife, to remember that our faith in God will provide us with strength to face adversity.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026: First Holy Communion registration for 2026 is closed now. Parents who have registered please note the First lesson for children and parents is on Saturday 10th January 2026 at 9.30am.

CONFIRMATION 2026: Registration for 2026 is closed. First meeting for Candidate and parents is on Friday 16th January 2026 at 7pm in the Church.

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 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.

ROTA FOR 2026: Please collect the new rota from the Sacred Heart Chapel.

VISION FOR 2026: As we beginning a new year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for everything you have done to make the year 2025 a successful year for all at English Martyrs Parish. Especially the readers, both at weekdays and weekends, Extra-ordinary ministers of the Eucharist, Sacristans, 9am and 11.30am choir, altar servers, welcoming ministers, volunteers who clean the church, flower arranging, maintenance and all parish groups, all Catechists for Sacraments and Catechists in the Children's Liturgy groups.

Thank you to all the parishioners who have given their time and helped the parish through their generous donations. Thanks to your generosity we have managed fix some of the Building Maintenance issues. Such as:

- Cleaning and Fixing the Church Roof Gutters
- Removing the pigeons from the bell tower
- Fixing the leak in the ceiling above the Pipe Organ
- New additional Lighting in the Church
- A new Fire Alarm for the Church hall and the Church
- Fixing the flooding that occurs in the lower hall
- Fixing the leak in the flat roof above the Sacristy
- Getting new wiring done in the Sacred Heart Chapel
- Clean the garden that is between the Church and the Electricity Power Plant
- Repairs in the Presbytery and the Tribunal Offices. Including the leak water tank

AIMS FOR PROJECTS TO DO IN 2026:

- To get the Church Damp Wall fixed
- To sort the Wiring on the Main Church looked into
- To get the Parish hall windows fixed
- To get the Hall & the kitchen roof and the walls re-painted
- To do the Hall floor buff and re-seal

GOING FORWARD: Everything comes from God, He is the owner, we are the Stewards. Our time, talents and treasure have been entrusted to us to use in a unique way to serve and grow closer to God. Good stewardship means receiving God's gifts gratefully, tending to them in a responsible and accountable manner, sharing them in love for others, and returning a meaningful portion to the Lord.

Therefore, periodically reflecting on our blessings and renewing our commitment to our Catholic Faith is an important part of our spiritual growth and Christian discipleship. If you are able to give your time, talents and treasures in the new the year 2026, please do contact the parish office.

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

Sunday Collection for 27/28th Dec 2025 Loose Cash £ 371.01 Gift Aid Env £ 116.00 Total £ 487.01

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