

PARISH NEWS

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday 2nd April 2026 (no 9.30am Mass)

Mass of the Last Supper 8pm
Adoration and watch till midnight

Holy Saturday 4th April 2026

Office of Reading and Morning Prayers 9.30am
Confessions 10am -11am
Polish Blessing of Easter Food 11am
Easter Vigil 8pm

Masses from Easter Monday 6th April 2026 will remain as usual.

Good Friday 3rd April 2026 (No adoration and 9.30am Mass)

Office of Reading & Morning Prayers 9.30am
Stations of The Cross 12noon
Passion of the Lord 3pm (There will be a special collection for **HOLY PLACES**)
Meditation around the Cross 7.30pm

EASTER SUNDAY 5th April 2026

Mass of The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ
9am and 11.30am

HOLY WEEK MINISTRIES: If you have put your name down to help during any of the Holy Week Services, please check the notice board to see which dates you will be helping.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: Altar server training for Easter Triduum is on **Monday 30th March 2026 at 10.30am - noon.**

EASTER ENVELOPES: There are Easter Donation envelopes in the Church porch for your personal gift for the Clergy.

LENTEN CHARITY APPEAL: FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE JENNIFER ETUH MEDICAL CENTRE, NIGERIA AND SATURDAY SOUP KITCHEN.:

As we head into the Lenten season, the church recommends prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as three practices that can help form the heart of our Lenten journey and prepare us for the great celebration of Easter. It has been said that almsgiving covers a multitude of sins. In this spirit, our parish, English Martyrs Parish Streatham, has been made aware of the urgent needs of **Jennifer Etuh Medical Centre**, a vital healthcare facility serving a rural and underserved community in Nigeria. This hospital provides essential medical care to mothers, children, and families who otherwise have little or no access to healthcare. Many arrive in critical condition, and the centre strives daily to preserve life and restore hope, often with very limited resources. As we reflect on the words of our Lord, "I was sick and you visited me" (Matthew 25:36), we are reminded that caring for the sick is not only an act of charity but a profound expression of our faith and love for Christ Himself.

Therefore, during this Lenten season, I humbly invite each member of our parish to prayerfully consider supporting this medical centre. Your generosity, no matter how small, can help provide essential medical supplies, improve facilities, and enable the hospital to continue its life-saving mission. Your sacrifice can bring healing, dignity, and hope to those who suffer.

Lenten donations will be shared between the Saturday Soup Kitchen and Jennifer Etuh Medical Centre in Nigeria.

Donations can be made using the Lenten charity envelope or use cash machine title Lenten charity. Above all, please keep the patients, staff, and mission of the medical centre in your prayers.

All donations to Nigeria will be sent through the Southwark Diocese to the relevant Diocese in Nigeria

REQUIEM MASS: There will be requiem Mass on Tuesday 14th April 2026 at 11.30am for **Late Diane Mulligan**. Morning 9.30am Mass will be as usual.

Eternal Rest grant unto her O Lord!

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

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 IS JOHN FISHER

John was one of the most senior priests to be martyred- he had been appointed a Cardinal in the Catholic Church by Pope Paul III in 1535, during the reign of King Henry VIII. He had long been regarded as an academic thinker, having helped set up 2 Cambridge University colleges and he spoke out and wrote in opposition to a number of fashionable doctrines which were regarded as unacceptable to Roman Catholics. Along with St Thomas More he refused to accept laws passed by Henry VIII which sought to exclude the authority of the Pope in England. Despite being by then very ill, in April 1534 John was imprisoned in the Tower of London, and was executed at Tower Hill. He was canonised in 1935 and considered one of the Saints and Heroes of the Catholic Church, with a feast day, shared with Thomas More, of 9 July. His name appears on the ceiling over the organ loft at the rear of the church.

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

Sunday Collection 21st/22nd March 2026 Loose Cash £ 500.13 Gift Aid Env £ 101.00 Total £ 601.13

Poor Parishes Cash Collection £394.70,

For Contactless Donation: Please use the Card Machines in the Church or use the QR CODE. *Thank you for your generosity.*

Thank you to all who came and for the last Sunday's St Patrick's Day Celebrations Total of £457.77.

was donated to the Church Maintenance.

