

PARISH NEWS

EASTER GRATITUDE: Once again we have journeyed together through the Passion, Death and the Resurrection of Jesus with our traditional Three-Day celebrations. Fr Paul and Fr Johnson would like to offer their deepest thanks to all who volunteered and ministered in any way to allow our worship to be carried out so smoothly with appropriate reverence and joy - our readers, ministers of the holy Eucharist, choir and altar servers. It is also important that we arrive to give worship in a church that sets the scene of the day we are in which takes time and commitment so thank you too all the 'behind the scenes' people - cleaners, maintenance, flowers, sacristans and all who got the church ready in any way. Thank you for the generosity you showed the clergy through cards, gifts and the Easter collection. *May God Bless you all.*



EASTER SUNDAY FUN FAIR To celebrate Easter here at English

Martyrs on Sunday 5th April 2026 after both 9am and 11.30am Masses there will be Easter Egg Hunt for children of the parish in the lower hall. There will be Tea/Coffee, Hot Chocolate and cakes for all to enjoy and raffle with fabulous prizes to be won. All proceeds go towards the Church Maintenance. **Raffle tickets are: £2 per strip. Hot Chocolate/ Tea/ Coffee £1.00, Easter Egg Hunt Bag £2.00, Slice of Cake £1.00**



Raffle Prizes are: **1st:** Luxury Health & Wellbeing Pamper Hamper. **2nd:** Plush luxury Throw. **3rd:** Zen.Ten Hair Dryer. **4th:** Skullcandy Bluetooth Ear Phone. **5:** Build craft Tool Kit. **6:** Wine & Gin Hamper. **7:** Gold Jewellery. **8:** M&S Sleep Apothecary set. **9:** Designer Candle Holders. **10:** Tote Bag.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: First Sunday after Easter Sunday is the Divine Mercy Sunday. **There will be chaplet of the Divine Mercy and benediction on Sunday 12th April 2026 at 3pm. There will be tea/coffee after the service in the parish hall.**

Divine Mercy Chaplet is Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist, so it is especially appropriate to use it after having received Holy Communion at Holy Mass. It may be said at any time, but our Lord specifically told St. Faustina to recite it during the nine days before the Feast of Mercy (the First Sunday after Easter Sunday). He then added: "By this Novena, [of Chaplets] I will grant every possible grace to souls."



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!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026: First Holy Communion lessons will resume back on Saturday 18th April 2026 at 9.30am. Please note that there will be a parent meeting at 9.30am followed by Holy Mass at 10am.

CONFIRMATION 2026: Lessons will resume back on Friday 17th April 2026 at 6pm in the parish 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

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE,: If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, and would like to attend the Mass on Saturday 11th July 2026 at St George's cathedral please email providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact us at mflse@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham . **Please email before 15th May 2026**

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 RALPH SHERWIN -Ralph was a talented student who won a scholarship to Oxford University. At 25 years old he converted to Catholicism, a dangerous act in the England of those times. He left the country to study at the English College in Belgium then Rome. In 1580, he and a number of other priests returned to England to spread the faith. He was arrested whilst preaching and thrown in the dreadful Marshalsea Prison in London, in which he continued to teach and convert others to the Catholic faith. Taken to the tower of London, he was tortured on the rack then thrown out into the snow, which he survived. It is said that Queen Elizabeth I offered to appoint him a bishop if he would abandon Catholicism but he refused. He was hung at Tyburn in 1581, aged only 31. His life is a powerful example of the strength of faith.

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

Sunday Collection **28/29th March 2026** Loose Cash £ 716.69 Gift Aid Env £ 86.00 Total £ 802.69

For Contactless Donation: Please use the Card Machines in the Church or use the QR CODE.

Thank you for your generosity.

For Church Maintenance: **A/C Name: RCAS STREATHAM A/C: 23416416 S/C: 60-20-39**

