

PARISH NEWS

REGINA CAELI-During the Season of Easter, at the end of the bidding Prayers, instead of the Hail Mary we shall sing the Regina Caeli, another traditional Catholic Prayer to our Blessed Mother:

**Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia:
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia**

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: Thursday 14th May is the Feast of The Ascension of the Lord. It is a Holy day of Obligation. Wednesday 13th May 2026, the Vigil Mass is at 7.30pm and Thursday 14th May 2026 Mass is at 9.30am.

REQUIEM MASS: There will be a requiem Mass for late **LEO WILLIAMS** on Monday 11th May 2026 at 12noon. Morning 9.30am Mass will be as usual.

GRATITUDE: Thank you to the members of the Choir for the **PRE-LOVED FASHION SALE** that was done on Sunday 3rd May 2026. On Sunday 10th May 2026, after both 9am and 11.30am Masses, they will be hosting a cake sale to raise more funds for the Church Maintenance.

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

SACRAMENTS: BAPTISM – 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 practising in the parish for more than 6 months. Please email the Parish office for an information pack.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026: The next lesson is on **Saturday 16th May 2026** at 9.30am. There will be a parent's meeting with the Catechists at 9.30am in the Church and continue with Holy Mass at 10am.

MARRIAGE: You need to give 6months notice. Please email the Parish office to book an appointment to see the Parish Priest

CELEBRATING THE MASS: Request Holy Mass to be offered for a particular intention. Please note that this is a request. In rare circumstances, a Mass intention may have to be moved to another day, for example if a funeral Mass replaces the usual Mass time. In that case, the Parish Office will notify you of the change. Please use the special envelopes in the porch choose a day and time and give it in advance to the priest or the parish office. **The usual stipend for Mass is £10.** The money goes to the priest, not the parish.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT (15th May to 23rd May 2026): Pentecost is on Sunday 24th May 2026. It is only through the power of the Holy Spirit that someone can become a Saint. We cannot save ourselves and it is only by the grace of God that we are saved. So, we must rely completely on the power of the Holy Spirit and the death of Our Lord Jesus. That is the essence of this novena. The Pentecost novena is really THE original novena. The disciples waited in unity and prayer for the Holy Spirit for nine days after Jesus' ascension to heaven. Jesus asked them to pray constantly in the upper room until the descent of the Holy Spirit

RETIRED PARISHIONERS VOLUNTEERING: Are you retired and can give a few hours of your spare time over the week? Are you interested in offering a friendly welcome to the Cathedral on a rota basis? Please consider joining the St Josephine Bakhita Guild of Welcomers. Training will be provided. Contact Deacon Javier: cathedraladministrator@rcaos.org.uk

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection on 16/17th May 2026 weekend for World Communication Day. The collection helps supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops Conference of England & Wales. The CCN provides up to date new releases, features and podcasts, information from Bishop's Conference of England & Wales, and trains spokesmen & Women

GIFT AID ENVELOPS: Gift Aid envelope boxes are ready for collection. Please collect it from the Sacred Heart Chapel.

FR PAUL: Please note that Fr Paul will be away from Monday 11th May till Friday 22nd May 2026, on his post Easter break.

ENGLISH MARTYR THIS WEEK: JOHN DAVY- John joined the Carthusian religious order in London (their home was Charterhouse in central London) where he was renowned for this profound knowledge of scripture and his zealous faith. He was ordained a deacon. He firmly opposed Henry VII's wish to be accepted as the head of the Church in England and showed great courage in being willing to suffer for his beliefs. He was imprisoned in the Tower of London, tortured and ultimately starved to death but he refused to renounce his faith. His name appears on the ceiling on right hand side of the church.

SUNDAY COLLECTION A/C Name: RCAS STREATHAM A/C: 23416386 S/C: 60-20-39
Sunday 3rd May 2026 Collection (including Confirmation Mass)
Loose Cash £925.23 Gift Aid Envelopes £121.00 Total £ 1046.23



GIFT AID – Are you registered on the Parish Scheme as yet? If you are a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid is a great way to make your donations more valuable to the Church by an extra 25% at no extra cost to you! You also have the option of setting up a Standing Order. Pick up a form from the Church entrance or use the QR CODE

For Contactless Donation: Please use the Card Machines in the Church

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