

PARISH NEWS

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.

DAY 3 OF THE NOVENA PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT—Peace (Sunday 17th May 2026)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us bow down in humility at the power and grandeur of the Holy Spirit. Let us worship the Holy Trinity and give glory today to the Paraclete, our Advocate.

O Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus' name. By Your love, we are protected from evil. And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of Peace within us. The Saints were tempted, attacked and accused by the devil who is the destroyer of peace. When we are accused by the devil, come to our aid as our Advocate and give us Peace that lasts through all trials!

Holy Spirit we ask for the grace of [Mention your intention here]. Amen. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

REQUIEM MASS: There will be a requiem Mass for late GAVIN PAUL DELANEY, son of Angela Delaney and Late John Delaney on Wednesday 27th May 2026 at 11am.

We pray for his family for comfort and healing and Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection this weekend 16/17th May 2026 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.

GRATITUDE: Thank you to the members of the Choir for the **PRE-LOVED FASHION SALE and the Cake Sale** that was done on Sunday 10th May 2026. A total of **£619.50** was raised 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: First Holy Communion **rehearsal** is on Saturday 6th June 2026 at 10.45am. First Holy Communion Mass is on Saturday 13th June 2026 at 11am.

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.

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 till Friday 22nd May 2026. Thank you to Fr Kensey and Fr Ulysses from the Jesuits in Britain for helping with the Masses this weekend.

ENGLISH MARTYR THIS WEEK: WILLIAM EXMEW. William was one of the earliest scholars to study at Christ's College, Cambridge University. ON graduating, he joined the Carthusian order of monks, entering their main monastery at Charterhouse in London. At the time he joined, the order was very prestigious and King Henry VIII was keen to have the support of Charterhouse when he broke with Rome as the head of the Church. The refusal of the monks to support the idea that the King could be the supreme leader of the catholic church led to many of the monks being killed. On 6 May 1535, William Exmew was denounced to the King as being "obstinately determined" to stick to his belief that the Pope was the head of the church and not the King. For this he was tried and sentenced to death by being hung drawn and quartered at Tyburn, one of a total of 15 of the Carthusians to suffer this fate for defending their faith and belief.

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

Sunday 10th May 2026 Collection

Loose Cash £559.77 Gift Aid Envelopes £97.00 Total £ 656.77

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

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Thank you for your generosity.