

PARISH NEWS

REGINA CAELI-Month of May 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

MONTH OF MARY: May is dedicated by the Catholic Church as the Month of Mary, a time for heightened devotion to the Blessed Virgin, with the Rosary being the most recommended prayer. Daily recitation of the Rosary—individually or as a family—is encouraged to honour Mary, contemplate the life of Jesus, and seek her intercession. Please take a Rosary leaflet to help in reciting the rosary.

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.

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRISTI (CORPUS CHRISTI): Sunday 7th June 2026 is the Feast of the Corpus Christi. The Corpus Christi procession will take place after the 11.30am Mass. (After the post Communion prayer) This is a Catholic tradition where the Blessed Sacrament is carried through the streets to publicly proclaim the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It's a public expression of faith and worship, often held on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. The procession will start from Church, Mitcham Lane towards Ambleside Avenue, Tooting Bec Gardens Road and then back to the Church. The procession will include:

- The priest carries the Blessed Sacrament, often in a monstrance, symbolizing the presence of Christ
- Participants will sing hymns and prayers, expressing their faith and adoration.

We would like to invite everyone to join in and especially all the Children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this year.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY COMMUNION: All Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic, please note 6/7th June 2026 weekend during Mass you will be invited to renew your commitment as an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister.

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.

ENGLISH MARTYR THIS WEEK: ROBERT THORPE. A Catholic priest in Yorkshire, Robert was arrested in his bed on the morning of Palm Sunday 1595. His offence was to have been seen gathering palms for the catholic celebration of Palm Sunday, an event which we are happily all free to observe without fear of persecution. He was condemned as a traitor for being a catholic priest and like so many others, was killed by being hung drawn and quartered, in his case at York. His name can be seen on the ceiling on the right-hand side of the church as we face the altar.

PARISH DONATIONS: If you wish to make a payment direct to our Bank Account these are the details:

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

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SUNDAY COLLECTION: Sunday 17th May 2026

Loose Cash £515.14 Gift Aid Envelopes £80.00 Total £ 595.14

World Communication Day Loose Cash £279.66

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! If you like to sign please email or fill a Gift Aid form from the Porch and hand it to the priest or the parish office.

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