

PARISH NEWS



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY: Sunday 15th June 2025 is Father's Day. We wish all fathers grandfathers and great grandfathers a happy Father's Day, and pray for all who are no longer living with us. Also, we say happy Father's Day to our priests. Our spiritual fathers as they reflect the love of God to us on a daily basis.

ENGLISH BREAKFAST: Sunday 21st June 2026, after both 9am and 11.30am Mass. there will be Full English Breakfast served in the parish hall. Breakfast will include choice of tea/coffee, fried/scramble egg, veggie/meat sausage & bacon, hash brown, tomato and baked beans.

Complimentary glass of Bucks Fizz/Juice is included with the breakfast. Children's Breakfast is £3.50, Adult £7.00

All Father's receives a complimentary treat at the end of the meal.



DAY FOR LIFE: There will be a second collection this weekend **20/21st June 2026** for Day for Life. This is the day in the Churches life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities supported by the Church, usually by means of grants made to support Catholic charities.

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.

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

ENGLISH MARTYR THIS WEEK: MILES GERARD - Miles was born in Yorkshire and worked as a tutor to children of a wealthy landowner before studying for the priesthood. He was ordained in Belgium but returned to England, in a journey for which he won a coin toss to secure a place on a boat from Dunkirk to Dover. He may have wished that he hadn't won though, as he was arrested on arrival. He took the brave decision to tell the truth about his priesthood, when he surely will have known the harsh consequences which would follow. Miles was tortured, imprisoned in London then taken to Rochester to be hung. The fact that so many men were prepared to return to England as priests when they knew well the dangers surely sent a clear signal about the strength of their catholic faith and that they would not renounce it, even under dreadful pressure.

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP: A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us once again on the weekend of 11th - 12th July 2026 to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated"

MASS ATTENDANCE: Mass attendance is needed if you are planning to apply for Catholic Primary or Secondary School. Also, for any of the Sacraments below.

SCHOOLS - Please note if you are applying for a Catholic Primary or Secondary school where you need to get a priest's reference, the attendance card will help the Parish Priest in filling the reference form Please note signing the Mass attendance from mid-year does not give a true account of your Catholic Practise.

SACRAMENT - If you would like your child to receive any of the Sacraments below use the Mass attendance card as it from now. Not Nearer the sacrament time for the following
· Baptism · First Holy Communion · Confirmation.

All sacraments should be received with great faith and eagerness because Christ instituted the sacraments to nourish Christian life. Coming regularly to Sunday Mass helps each and every one to grow in faith, not merely coming near to the Sacrament of preparation time.

Jesus described his entire life as a mission "to bear witness to the truth". We, too, should bear witness to the truth in our words and example, and teaching our children to do the same. Do not let your faith be a tick to the Mass attendance slip, let it be a gift of God which enables you to serve God in Spirit and in truth.

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

REF: Offertory/ Your surname.... For Contactless Donation: Please use the Card Machines in the Church or or the QR Code The best way to support the parish is by standing order, you can use a Standing Order form from the Church porch or email the Parish office to get one



SUNDAY COLLECTION: Sunday 14th June 2026

Loose Cash **£959.34** Gift Aid Envelopes **£60.00** (including First Holy Communion Mass) Total **£1,019.34**

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.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE: For the up keep of the Church Maintenance

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

Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE TURN OFF OR SILENCE YOUR PHONE IN THE CHURCH. THANK YOU

