

PARISH NEWS

SECOND COLLECTION: The annual second Collection on **Sea Sunday for Stella Maris** will be on 11/12th July 2026 Weekend. There are special envelopes at the back of the Church

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP: A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us once again on this 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

PERMANENT DEACONS: On the weekend of 11/12 July we are celebrating the third Archdiocesan Diaconal Day, during which we pray for the Permanent Deacons serving in our Archdiocese, as well as for the new vocations to this ministry. If you are a man between 21 years to 58 years, prayerful, with the desire to love and serve God and His people, you are involved in services within your parish and community, you have tried many things and still feel drawn to a closer relationship with Christ and His Church you might possibly be called to be a Permanent Deacon? If you require further information about the Permanent Diaconate, please speak to your Parish Priest, (Parish Deacon, if there is one), or contact the Diaconate Formation Director via e-mail: ianblack@rcaos.org.uk.

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

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

PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027: Parents who are intending to register children for First Holy Communion 2027, please collect a leaflet "PRAYERS IN PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION" from the Church porch. These prayers will help the children in preparation to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and a Spiritual Foundation to receive the Most Holy Body of Christ reverently.

How Can You Help Prepare Your Child?

Mass Attendance: Regular attendance at Sunday Mass is one of the best ways to help your child understand the importance of the Eucharist. Talk to them about what happens during Mass and encourage them to participate fully.

Prayers: Teach your child simple prayers, such as the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, and prayers of gratitude. Make prayer a regular part of your family's routine.

Talk About the Sacraments: Help your child understand the meaning of the Eucharist. Explain how receiving the body and blood of Christ brings them closer to God and the Church community.

Lead by Example: Show your child the importance of faith in your own life. Children learn best through example, so let them see how much the sacraments mean to you.

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.

FR JOHNSON JOSEPH: After two years in the parish Fr Johnson will be leaving us back to his home diocese in India. As a parish we shall have a farewell celebration on Sunday 12th September 2026 after both 9am and 11.30am Mass. If you would like to contribute for his farewell gift, you can use the card machines at the back of the church or the special envelopes at the Church porch

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 5th July 2026

Loose Cash £668.40 Gift Aid Envelopes £102.00 Offertory Total £770.40

Peter's Pence Loose Cash £ 169.01

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

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