

PARISH NEWS

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.

ENGLISH MARTYRS YOUTH GROUP: Thank you to all who came for the English Martyrs Youth introductory meeting. Our first meeting is on **Saturday 5th September 2026 starting at 5pm.** Youth meeting will consist of Prayer & Worship, Catechism, Community service and building friendship. Our Parish motto is "That they may all be one", based on the parish motto we strive to Love God, Love others, Serve all. Initial mission team would consist The Parish priest, Catechists, Parent Volunteers, and Guest Speakers. Our aim is to provide a safe and welcoming environment to all the youth to grow together in faith. Why don't you pop in and see what we can offer you and tell us your interest are?



PARISH SUMMER BBQ: We are firing up the charcoal for a cause! Join us for our **Summer BBQ Fundraiser on Sunday 12th July 2026 from 11am -2.30pm.** There will be BBQ Food, Variety of Salads, Pimm's Bar with beers, wines and prosecco, soft drinks for sale.

Can't make it? You can still support by donating through the card machines at the back of the Church. Let's make a difference together in the sunshine!

SECOND COLLECTION: Peter's Pence second collection that was due last weekend will be taken this weekend. 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 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"

CAFOD PARISH VOLUNTEER: Want to make a real difference in the world? We offer a flexible role with full support, and you could: Read a short, pre-prepared Family Fast Day appeal talk twice a year, inviting others to prayer, Raising awareness about international development. No experience needed—just a willing heart. Get in touch at southwark@cafod.org.uk or call 07775704546 to find out more and be part of something meaningful.

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: James Fenn-James was born into a catholic family and 2 of his brothers were priests. He worked as a school teacher, and he married and had a family. Following the sudden death of his wife, he chose to be a priest and was ordained in 1580, a time when it was very dangerous to be a catholic, let alone a priest, but he wished to serve the community in Somerset, where he had been born, inevitably he was captured. When he was interrogated he said that he wished the Queen no harm, but would never obey her in spiritual matters and immediately before being hung, he prayed for God's mercy for her. James paid the ultimate price for his faith but remained merciful to the end,

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 28th June 2026

Loose Cash £410.63 Gift Aid Envelopes £156.00 Offertory Cheque £600.00 Total £1166.63

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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