

PARISH NEWS

A DAY OF RETREAT: A day of retreat for **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND READERS** for the South East area, will take place at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Belltrees Grove, SW16 2HY, on Saturday 24th October 2026 for Parishes in the Deaneries of Camberwell, Lewisham and Lambeth. If you would like to attend please give your name and contact details to the parish office **before 30th September 2026** More details of the programme for the retreat day will be available in September 2026. Please see the poster in the notice board.

DAY FOR CATECHISTS: On behalf of the Archbishop, you are invited to attend the twelfth annual Diocesan Day for Catechists on Saturday 3rd October 2026 at the Amigo Hall and St George's Cathedral, Southwark, SE1 6HU. This Day is for all the catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process. Booking and further details here - <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2026>. The theme is year is: Truth and Beauty in Catechesis in the Age of AI. We expect this event to be fully booked once again so please book early to avoid disappointment.

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 be helping 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.

YOUTH MEETING & MASS: Our next youth group meeting is on Saturday 5th September 2026 at 4.30pm in the Parish hall. Youth between 12yrs-16yrs are invited for an afternoon with Prayer, Worship & building friendship. Youth Mass is at 6.30pm. After Mass there will be a social in the parish Hall.

DINNER DANCE: Sisters from the Daughters of Divine Love will be hosting their Fifth Annual Fundraising Dinner Dance in aid for the mission on Saturday 17th October 2026, 2pm -10pm at St Mary's Catholic Church Hall, Croydon. Tickets are £20 for adults and children under 12yrs £10 each. Please RVSP 079304 79685/ 07377229830. Please see the poster for more details.

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.

SCHOOL REFERENCES: Parents who are intending to apply for a Catholic Primary/ Secondary school for 2027 September entry, please send the following documents to the parish office. **Please do not email the documents to the office.**

Closing date for Secondary School: 30th September 2026, Primary School: 15th November 2026

1. Initial Reference form (that can be requested from the parish office or collect from the church porch)
2. Copy of the Child's Baptism certificate
3. Family photo
4. All school forms for priest's reference.
5. Copy of the Mass Attendance Card. You are required to stamp a mass attendance card whenever you come to Mass, as this helps the priest in giving you a reference.

All sign Secondary School documents to be collected from Fr Paul in person on Friday 2nd October 2026 from 3.30pm 5.30pm Please note there are no appointments, first come first serve basis.

SCHOOLS: Please note if you are applying for a Catholic Primary or Secondary school where you need to get a priest's reference, the mass 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.

MASS ATTENDANCE: Weekly Sunday (Saturday Vigil Mass) mass attendance is needed if you would like your child to receive Sacrament of Baptism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation. Please collect a Stamp card and get it stamped after Mass. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS: If you would like to book a Mass for your intentions, there are spaces this week. Please call the parish office.

FR JOHNSON JOSEPH FAREWELL & WELCOME SUNDAY: 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 13th September 2026** after both 9am and 11.30am Mass. We would like to invite all new parishioners to join us as this would be a great opportunity to meet the priests and introduce yourselves. This would be a good opportunity to catch up with friends over the lovely Summer holiday memories and looking forward to the rest of the year. There will be a second collection for Fr Johnson's farewell gift on 5/6th September Weekend.

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
Sunday 16th Aug 2026 -Offertory Loose Collection £513.66 Gift Aid Env £76.00 Total £589.16

REF: Offertory/ Your surname.... For Contactless Donation: Please use the Card Machines in the Church 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



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

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