

PARISH NEWS



GOODBYE & FAREWELL After 2 Years working as a Priest for the Archdiocese of Southwark Fr Johnson Joseph will be leaving English Martyrs Church next weekend. Apart from the English Martyrs Parish, Fr Johnson was the Chaplin for the Syro-Malankara mission in the diocese. As he returns back to his home diocese in India we as a parish community would like to thank Father for all his help and wish him the very best in his new chapter of his pastoral ministry. There will be a Farewell reception on **Sunday 13th September 2026** after both Sunday Masses. This would give you an opportunity to say your good-byes to Father.

We would like to welcome all back from your summer holidays, especially new parishioners to English Martyrs Church.

Please do join us in the hall for cup of tea and a chat!



BAPTISM: We congratulate and welcome into the family of the Church **MORWENA GODINHO CHIDOLUE** who was Baptised and **ARINZE CHIDOLUE** who was blessed on Saturday 5th September 2026.

We wish them and their family the joy of the Holy Spirit

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. **Please keep an eye on the newsletter for the registration date.**

REQUIEM MASS: There will be a requiem Mass for Late **CLAIRE MICHELLE CAMENZULI** on Friday 11th September 2026 at 12.30pm. Morning Mass will be as usual. We pray for Claire that God Grant her Eternal Rest and pray for Lynn Camenzuli & family at this sad time.

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.

MISSIO ENVELOPES: Missio envelopes are ready for collection after Mass from the Church porch. Please return them with your donations by next weekend.

GHANAIA COMMUNITY: There will be Ghanaian community meeting on **Sunday 6th September 2026 after the 11.30am** in the lower hall.

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.

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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: This weekend (5/6th Sep) there will be a special collection for **FR JOHNSON'S FAREWELL GIFT**.

Next weekend (12/13th Sep) is for **CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICES**. The collection help supports Catholic Education and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

19/20th September Weekend Collection is for **CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR THE SUPPORT OF EVANGELIZATION**. This collection helps bishops of England & Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our country.

SERVICE OF HOPE & HEALING The Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding their annual service for those that have been harmed by abuse on the 30th September 2026, at 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral. The service will be lead by Archbishop John Wilson and is an opportunity for the archdiocese community to express their solidarity and compassion to those that have been hurt by abuse and our commitment to building safe environments for all. Please attend if you are able.

TEACH ME TO PRAY How do we pray? How do we build a better, more fulfilling relationship with God? You are warmly invited to join an experiential programme called Teach Us to Pray facilitated by Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission. The programme will be online on Tuesdays, starting 6th October from 7pm to 8.15pm. Following 4 online sessions, there is an invitation to conclude the programme with an in-person Reflection Day in a Diocesan Retreat Centre on 5th or 12th December. There is no commitment to attend all sessions – join us whenever you can. For details/ to sign up see <https://accsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hq4> or email for further information spirituality@rcaos.org.uk. Please see the poster in the church notice board.

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 30th Aug 2026 - Offertory Loose Collection £602.16 Gift Aid Env £121.00 Total £723.16

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

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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