

PARISH NEWS

INTERNATIONAL MASS: On Sunday 18th October 2026 we shall be celebrating our International Mass at 11.30am This is to celebrate all the different nationalities that makes our Parish Community. On this World Mission Sunday, we come together as one where the bidding prayers are done in different languages. After Mass there will be a reception with cuisines from different parts of the world. There will be donation of £5.00 collected for Church Maintenance.

ST KILLIAN'S CANDLE STAND: You may have noticed we got a new candle stand at Our Lady's Chapel. St Killian's Candle stand is on trial for a month free of charge but the candle revenue is for the Parish. As to the recent Health & Safety check, to keep the Church Safe we have been instructed to add individual candle holders to the candle stands and to ensure separation between candles. Parish is looking at getting new candle stands that would comply with the Health & Safety. To have a Killian Candle Stand permanently will be a one-off hire fee that will include all the accessories and free candle boxes. Please see the notice board for more details.

CONFIRMATION 2027: If you are in Year 8 or above and have done your First Holy Communion, and would like to receive the **Sacrament Confirmation** in 2027, please collect a registration form from Fr Paul after the weekend Masses. Please note only the candidate can collect it not by parents or guardians. Closing date for registration is **19th October 2026**. Copy of the Regular Mass attendance, Baptism and First Holy Communion certificates should be attached to the completed forms. Incomplete and late entries will not be considered. **Candidate and Parents meeting with Fr Paul and the catechists is on Friday 27th November 2026 at 7pm.**

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.

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

MARRIAGE: 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 school for 2027 September entry, please send the following documents to the parish office. **Please do not email the documents to the office.**

Parent to meet Fr Paul on Friday 13th November 2026 from 3.30pm -5.30pm.

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.

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 mass attendance 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. **Please note if you are late, attending after Mass starts, attendance cards will not be stamped.**

HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS: If you have a relative or a family member who is housebound or sick and would like their names to be in the newsletter so that as a Parish community we can pray for them, please email the parish office.

ENGLISH MARTYR FOR THIS WEEK IS : THOMAS PERCY: Thomas was the Earl of Northumberland and as such could have chosen to live a privileged and safe life. He chose however to seek to restore the Catholic faith in England, and was part of a group who set out to occupy the city of Durham. There they held a catholic mass. He was later captured in Scotland and imprisoned. He refused an offer to save his life in return for publicly renouncing his Catholicism and was publicly beheaded in York. Thomas chose his faith above his life.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Calling all Parish communities! Would your group like to perform a Christmas song at this year's Christmas Concert on Sunday 13th December? If yes, please contact the parish office on or before by 25th October 2026 and leave your details. The Rejoice Choir is already planning and practising, and will need to finalise the programme.

SYNOD: As our parish engages with the next phase of the Synodal Path, Fr Paul would like to invite you to attend two morning meetings at the parish, taking place from 10.45am – 12.45 on Saturday 7th November and Saturday 21st November. Please see the poster on the Church porch for more details. Ideally you may be able to attend both sessions, but even if you can attend only one occasion is also fine. We would appreciate if you could please confirm your attendance in the register at the back of the Church as this would help with our preparations.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: More details nearer the time.

Saturday 7th November: **REVIVE YOUTH MINISTRY** for Youths from 12yrs-16yrs at 3.30pm-6pm.

Sunday 8th November – **Blessing of the Graves** at Streatham Park Cemetery at 3pm

Saturday 21st November 2026- **BINGO NIGHT** after the 6.30pm Mass (Tickets will available from 24/25th October Weekend)

Thursday 26th November 2026: Special **Remembrance Mass** for family and Friends who have passed away at 7pm.

Friday 27th November 2026: Meeting for Registered **Confirmation** Candidates & Parents

Sunday 6th December 2026: Parish **Christmas Fayre** (Donation box for bottles of wines, , homemade items (food or crafts) and good quality or nearly new gifts. **NO CLOTHES OR BOOKS**)

Saturday 12th December 2026: **Less Privileged Christmas Dinner** (£10 gift card from Tesco, Iceland or Sainsbury. Please see the notice board for the things needed)

Sunday 13th December 2026, **Parish Christmas Concert**

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 11th October 2026 - Offertory Loose Collection £577.58 Gift Aid Env £64.00 Total £641.58

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.

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*