

PARISH NEWS

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.



BAPTISM: We congratulate and welcome into the family of the Church **ROWAN JOHNSON-MCDONALD and MARIA CORREIA MENDES** who will be Baptised on Sunday 25th October 2026

We wish all of them and their families the joy of the Holy Spirit.

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

CONFIRMATION 2027: Registration for Confirmation is now closed. Candidates who have registered, please note the meeting with Fr Paul and the catechists is on Friday 27th November 2026 at 7pm. All candidates should attend with the Parents /Guardian.

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.**

Parents along with the Children 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK- If you would like to offer a Mass for any special intention, there are spaces available this week.

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.

GRATITUDE: Thank you to the Events Committee for organising last Sunday's International Mass and the receptions after wards. Thank you to all the parishioners who brought different dishes representing different countries. It was a wonderful occasion that the whole Parish Community got together. Thank you to all who came and supported on that day. A total of £537.10 was raised on the day towards the Church Maintenance.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: More details nearer the time.

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

Saturday 21st November 2026- **BINGO NIGHT** after the 6.30pm Mass (Tickets are available from 24/25th October Weekend) Ticket includes a starter, Main Meal, a drink and Bingo Card. Prizes to be won!

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 available at the Church porch**) We are looking for cake donations for the cake stall as well.

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). Gift Card can be given to Fr Paul or drop it to the Presbytery letter box.

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 18th October 2026 -Offertory Loose Collection £656.14 Gift Aid Env £134.00 Total £790.14

Missio – Cake, Toy Sale, Coffee Morning and 2nd Collection £1100.92

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*

