

PARISH NEWS

MONTH OF THE ROSARY: The Catholic Church dedicates October to the Holy Rosary, encouraging the faithful to pray it more faithfully to grow closer to Christ through Mary, our Holy Mother. The Rosary is an important set of prayers for Catholics. Rosary beads are often used for protection, and many people believe that having a rosary with them will keep evil and danger away. The main reason why the Month of the Holy Rosary takes place in October is because the Catholic liturgical "Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary" occurs on October 7th each year. This marks the moment when the Rosary was established. In an apparition, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to give the Rosary to a young priest named Dominic de Guzmán (later becoming a Saint) in order to help him continue his mission of converting people to Catholicism. To help in meditating the mysteries and asking the intercession of Mary there are rosary booklet at the Church porch

SALVE REGINA

During the Month of October, at the end of the bidding Prayers, instead of the Hail Mary, we shall sing the Salve Regina. (Hymn no: 628)

Salve Regina, Mater misericordiae

Vita dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.

Ad te clamamus, exules filii heave.

Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes,

In hac lacrimarum vale. Eja ergo, Advocata nostra,

Illos tuos misericordes oculos

Ad nos converte, Et jesum benedictum fructum ventris tui,

Nobis post hoc exilium ostende. O Clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria

GRATITUDE: Thank you to all who helped, organized and donated household goods, clothes, shoes, cakes, books, Juices and Irish Whisky, Coffee and Creams for last Sunday's Fundraising event. Thank you to all who came and support the parish. Total of **£766.80** was raised for the Parish Church Maintenance.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT- This Sunday is the **third week** for the National Mass Count so the attendance at each mass is to be counted. Next weekend will be the last one. Last week's total was **566**

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.**

Closing date for 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.

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Sunday 18th October 2026 is the World Mission Sunday. To celebrate all nationalities that makes our parish community we shall have an International Day Mass at 11.30am If you would like to do a bidding prayer in a different language, and would like to bring a dish to represent your home country please write your name down on the list at the Church Porch. A donation of £5.00 will be collected for Church Maintenance.

MISSIO. Missio is the Church's official organ for the support for foreign missions, this year **MISSIO** will be celebrating its 100th Year. The **second collection that is taken on 17/18th October weekend** goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justify on the basis of need. To help generate funds we shall be having a cake sale after the 6.30pm and 9am Mass.

YOUTH MEETING & MASS: Our next youth group meeting is on **Saturday 10th October 2026 at 4.30pm** in the Parish hall. Youth between 12yrs-16yrs are invited for an afternoon learning life skills, Prayer, Worship & building friendship. Youth Mass is at 6.30pm. After Mass there will be a social in the parish Hall.

ENGLISH MARTYR FOR THIS WEEK IS -JOHN MUNDEN: John was initially a school teacher then went to study law and finally chose to be ordained a priest at the English College in Rome, from which he returned to England as a missionary priest. He was arrested whilst riding a horse in Hounslow and was reported to have so incensed the magistrate who tied him that the magistrate hit him so hard across the face that his hearing was affected for days. He was convicted of conspiring against Queen Elizabeth 1 and was hung. This man truly bore blows for his faith but remained constant in his belief.

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 27th Sep 2026 -Offertory Loose Collection £694.65 Gift Aid Env £110.00 Total £804.65

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

A/C Name: RCAS STREATHAM A/C: 23416416 S/C: 60-20-39 Thank you for your generosity

