PARISH NEWS

GRATITUDE: I would like to express my gratitude to all who help during this year at English martyrs Church. Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, readers, altar servers, the Choir, welcome stewards, Catechists of all the Sacraments, Catechists of the Children's Liturgy, all who help with cleaning, flower arraigning, maintenance, members of various parish groups, collectors and the young who helps during the Masses. May the Lord Bless you for all what you do to the Church and for the service of his people.

BINGO NIGHT: Our thanks to all who helped in organising and helping with last Saturday's BINGO NIGHT. Thank you for all who bought tickets & supported through cash donations. Total of £781.00 was raised for Church Maintenance.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE: **Sunday 6th December 2026 is our Parish Christmas Fayre, it will be from 10am - 2.30pm** There will be lots of different stalls like Knitted Christmas items (Parish Craft Group), Children's toys & books, bottle tombola, Nearly good items, Christmas decorations, face painting, lovely cakes, Mince Pies, Irish Coffee, tea/coffee, vegetarian soup with bread, Kid's Craft activities (in the lower hall)

There will be a surprise visitor……for children.

Do buy your Raffle tickets for the lovely Christmas Hamper, £2.00 a strip. Please do come along after Mass, enjoy and support your Parish. Many thanks to all who donated to the fayre and all who are helping.

CHRISTMAS MINISTRIES: If you are able to read or minister communion at any of the Masses over Christmas, please put down your name on the list at the back of the Church under the time of Christmas Mass you can assist in. Thursday 24th December 2026, 5.30pm Children's Mass, Midnight Mass, Friday 25th December 2026- 9am & 11.30am Mass and for 31st December Thanksgiving Mass. Please write which ministries you would be able to serve.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICES: Please do collect a Christmas Service Programme from the back of the Church. This will give you all the details of the Christmas Masses and the events that will happen in December.

LESS PRIVILEGED CHRISTMAS DINNER: Saturday 12th December 2026 12.30pm -2.30pm. If you are able to help in anyway in preparing the Christmas Dinner for the less privileged as we have done in the past years, please email or contact the parish office. The list of food is on the Parish notice boards. If you are able to support by donating a Gift Card worth £10, from Tesco, Sainsbury Iceland, kindly hand it to Fr Paul or drop through the Priest House letter box.



PARISH CHRITSMAS CONCERT: Our parish Christmas Concert is on **Sunday 13th December 2026 at 5pm**. Come and celebrate the festive season with singing, readings and performances from some of our parish communities. All proceeds go towards the Church Maintenance. Tickets will be available from Saturday 28th November 2026. Ticket includes a glass of mulled wine/juice with a light refreshment.

THE ANGELUS: Archbishop John Wilson invites us to join him in saying yes to the Lord Jesus by praying the Angelus every day during Advent. In this beautiful, easy-to-remember prayer, the Archbishop says "we encounter the very heart of our Christian faith: God became man so that, through him, we might be saved". Traditionally prayed at 6am, noon and 6pm, the Angelus takes just a few minutes. If you can't pray at those exact times, that's all right – just pray when you can. Watch the Archbishop's full reflection at rcaos.org.uk/AdventAngelus and join him in praying the Angelus this Advent. To help in saying the Angelus, there are leaflets at the Church porch.

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**

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.

FIRST HOLYCOOMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2027: Please note the registration is now closed for 2027 First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

MASS ATTENDANCE: Children who are preparing or hoping to receive Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation and Parents hoping to apply for Catholic primary /Secondary schools please get your Mass attendcae cards stamped after Mass.

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 22nd November -Offertory Loose Collection £516.76 Gift Aid Env £86.00 Total £602.76
Catholic Youth Service £311.60 in cash

***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***

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