



We pray today for our new Sovereign, King Charles III, as he takes on the burdens of this office:

O God, to whom every human power is subject,

Grant to your servant His Majesty King Charles wisdom in the exercise of his high office, so that, always revering you and striving to please you,

he may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to his care

the freedom that comes from unity and peace.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Every Easter season is a time of joy. As the Easter prefaces put it, 'overcome with Paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise.' This Easter there is a particular occasion for joy in our land, as we shall see King Charles III crowned.

Much will be written, and said, about the Coronation in the days to come. As Catholic Christians, we do well to bear in mind that the Coronation is a profoundly religious event. There are few, if any, other countries in the contemporary world in which the accession of the head of state is marked with such overt religious symbolism and prayer. Though there will be important expressions of the diversity of modern society in and around the ceremonial, much of the service is rooted deep in tradition and history. Key elements of the coronation liturgy trace their origins as far back as the twelfth century, the anointing among them.

Though there is space only for a few to be present at Westminster Abbey for the Coronation, this is an important moment for us all to unite in prayer. On Friday 5th May, the day before the Coronation, Mass will be celebrated in most of our churches for the intentions of the King, as the culmination of three days of prayer. I invite you to join this prayer, and to attend Mass on the Friday if you can, at this time of significance and joy for us all.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

[...] He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed.' (1 Peter 2:20-25) This passage reminds us of Good Friday. The difference is that when we are upset, we retaliate with harsh words or actions of violence. We and the world haven't understood Jesus' teaching / example of peace and non-violence. We are so used to being violent and oppressive. Christ is the Good Shepherd. He tends his sheep and lovingly cares for them, with patience and tolerance. Lord show us the way – help us to bear our sufferings. Heal us and us to help others who suffer. Save us. You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY – for church movements and groups We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

PARISH MATTERS AND NEWS FROM THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

SACRED HEART SCHOOL NURSERY IN TEDDINGTON will be offering **EXTENDED NURSERY PROVISION FROM SEPT 2023** to those eligible for 30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE and to those who are SELF-FUNDED. Places available every day during term time (not inset days). Sessions: morning 8:45-11:45am, lunch provision 11:45-12:15pm, afternoon 12:15-3:15pm. Tours of the Nursery are welcomed and can be arranged by contacting the school office. Contact info@sacredheart.richmond.sch.uk or 020 8977 6591. Please share this news with families whose children were born between 1 Sept 2019 and 31 Aug 2020. Children are able to attend the Nursery from the term following their 3rd birthday.

NEWCOMERS TO THE PARISH? Please introduce yourself to Fr. Stephen, or email teddington@rcdow.org.uk to register.

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE - proposed 13 June at 7pm. Email: Susanne teddingtoncat2@rcdow.org.uk; teddington@rcdow.org.uk

VOLUNTEERS FOR MASS Saturday 6pm; Sunday 9.30 & 11.15am MASS GOERS: Like to serve within the community? Sign up as volunteer to help set up and lock up, to read, serve, first aiders, fire wardens, parish safeguarding, eucharistic ministers, prayer groups, house visits, drivers, fundraising, cleaning, coffee mornings, etc? See Fr Stephen or email teddington@rcdow.org.uk

MOVING FORWARD We await a new parish administrator. Pastoral duties increasing; we aim to set up a Pastoral Council, committee members sought to embrace all parish groups and especially to drive a fundraising committee with focus on re-opening the church.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT - WHAT MORE CAN WE DO AS A PARISH? INITIAL RESPONSES: 1. weekly foodbank collection; 2. visiting the sick and lonely in their homes; 3. connecting with Sacred Heart School asking if families need support with food and clothing; 4. helping the street poor; 5. Financial support for world missions; 6. See a new face at Mass? Be hospitable; 7. Protect creation; 8. Migrants and immigration; 9. Peace and Ukraine 10. Parish Council - Time to set up a parish council. Next step will be to discuss formation of groups and how we can be proactive in our outreach within the parish and further afield.

PARISH FINANCES – Thank you to all who support the parish financially. A reminder: Gift aid donations raise an extra 25% to boost the parish finances. March: Standing Orders: £2,214.00; Sunday's loose plate: £185.37; Contactless £0 Please tell us if you have changed address or tax status or if you wish to start or stop Gift Aid. If you would like your Gift Aid Statement emailed to you this year (usually June or July), please email Traci with the subject 'Email Gift Aid Statement' from the email address we have on record for you, confirm your full name and postcode. Email Traci: teddingtonbk@rcdow.org.uk. In office: Weds 12:30-4:30pm.

BUILDING WORKS Over the past 18 months, we have completed significant work on roof repairs, ceiling investigations and blasting tree roots from drains at a cost of £45k. We have received £20,000 towards this from insurance. Currently no further monies forthcoming. Monies for wall repairs and repairs in the presbytery and around the parish have come from parish funds at a cost of £25,000. The estimate for a new roof and a new ceiling is £500,000 plus solar panels within roofing slates. Soon we will ask advice from the diocese to give us direction regards fundraising. Ideas to source grants, fundraising projects etc are welcome.

TODAY - SECOND COLLECTION PRIESTS TRAINING FUND to pay for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently **48** men studying at Allen Hall seminary. **14** from Westminster, and 2 from Westminster studying in Rome. Last year **8** men from Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood.. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. See posters on display. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Allen Hall Seminary mazazine available in hall on the trolley. Thanks for your generosity. *Forthcoming: July – Sisters Divine Love Mission Appeal*.

MESSAGE FOR DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE, 9th May 2023. This annual Day of Prayer was initiated by Pope Francis. In the UK it takes place in this season of hope and new life. In March 2023, the Pope's Prayer Intention was for victims of abuse. Pope Francis prays for victims of abuse, and says the Church must serve as a model of safeguarding and must offer safe spaces for victims. See https://rcdow.org.uk/news/prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse-2023/.

FEAST OF ST LUIGI ORIONE 16TH **MAY –** celebrated at The Sacred Heart Church on **13**th **& 14**th **May** with tea and coffee before and after weekend Masses and at SDP Chapel 25, KT1 4HB 16th May at 6.30pm with Mass and refreshments.

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ANNUAL PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES The Sons of Divine Providence Chapel, Hampton Wick **4**TH **June 5pm.** Processing to The Sacred Heart Church Teddington and returning for evening Mass and refreshments at 25, KT1 4EU

SUPPORT FOR THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE COMMUNITIES, UKRAINE To support our reconstruction, helping the poor and needy and/or disabled persons projects you may send financial contributions. according to the project of your choice, using the details below, made payable to: EGIDIO MONTANARI, IBAN NO. IT59 C030 6901 6021 0000 0061 578; SWIFT CODE: BCITITMMXXX; BANK: SANPAOLO, Filiale 00352, Via Antonio da Messina, 24 – 20146 MILANO (MI) Specify project name.

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BEYOND OUR PARISH

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – PRAYER ROTA 30th April St Mark's Church Rev Karen Wellman; 7th May Hampton Wick Baptist Church Sandra Kimber; 14 May Christ Church Rev Dominic Stockford; 21 May St Michael's Church Rev Ed Kendall

FOODBANK St Michael's Church, Fulwell, Wilcox Road, Teddington TW11 0SP (07516935655 www.richmond.foodbank.org.uk) If you need help the foodbank is there for you. If you can donate items make contact, and thank you for helping.

TWICKENHAM BRANCH OF CROSSLIGHT ADVICE CHARITY 1. DEBT ADVISERS – free and confidential help to manage money and debt. Please see https://www.crosslightadvice.org 2. FREE COURSE, open to all, about MANAGING MONEY WELL. This is more important than ever before. Crosslight's Money Course is simple, practical and accessible with face-to-face workshops over three weeks in small groups. Courses: Weds 10th, 17th and 24th May 7-9pm at All Saints, Hampton, TW12 3RG: Weds 7th, 14th and 21st June 10am -12noon at Crossway Ctr, St Stephen's Church TW1 2PD Also available online: https://www.themoneycourse.org;

WORLDWIDE APPEALS FROM SO MANY CHARITIES Mary's Meals, Aid to the Churches in Need, CAFOD, Red Box Missions etc. Please support as you can with financial and material aid and with your prayers. Source the www of your choice or posters. Thanks

FINAL CALL FOR ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY on Saturday 13th May at 2.30pm at Westminster Cathedral. The Cardinal invites all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. Please see Fr Stephen.

MASS FOR NEW CATHOLICS ON SATURDAY 20TH MAY AT 6pm with the Cardinal in Westminster Cathedral. Those in our parish who were Baptised or Received into the Church at Easter are warmly invited to attend, with catechists, families and friends. Before Mass we will gather in Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. The programme is as follows: 4.45pm Tea & Welcome - Vaughan House Conference Room; 5pm Reflection by Fr Chris Vipers, Director of the Agency for Evangelisation; 5.30pm Move to the Cathedral in preparation for Mass 6pm Mass. Space will be reserved at the front of the Cathedral for new Catholics, catechists, families and friends to sit together. Please email Warren Brown catadmin@rcdow.org.uk with numbers.

DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISATION AND DISCIPLESHIP AT THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE is organising a conference open to all those involved in evangelisation and catechesis, "THE ART OF ACCOMPANIMENT', from Friday 30th June to Sunday 2nd July. Venue: Liverpool Hope University. Contact kinga.kosterska@cbcew.org.uk for further info and to register an interest in attending.

RETROUVAILLE: A PROGRAMME FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING IN THEIR MARRIAGES Retrouvaille programme supports couples having difficulties in their marriage; no group therapy or group work involved. Next virtual weekend 6-9 July. For confidential info or to register call or text 07887 296983, email retrouvaille.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Weekday Masses				
Saturday	29 th April	St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe	6pm	Adoration and Confession Parishioners
Sunday	30 th April	Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.15am	Jayne Bunbury RIP Philip Hartney RIP
Monday	1st May	St Joseph the Worker	10.00am	Special Intention
Tuesday	2th May	St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of Church	9.30am	Int Eddy Gilmore
Wednesday	3 rd May	Ss Philip and James, Apostles	9.30am	Fr. Michael O'Dowd RIP
Thursday	4 th May	The English Martyrs		Pray the rosary at home
Friday	5 th May	St Asaph, Bishop	9.30am 7.30pm	Parishioners HM King Charles III
Saturday	6 th May	Weekday of Easter	6pm	HM King Charles III
Sunday	7 th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners World Peace

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

(7th May, Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A)

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

PARISH INFORMATION
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Email: teddington@rcdow.org.uk Telephone: 020 8977 2986 SAFEGUARDING Estella Weston: teddingtonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk Mass times: 9.30am and 11.15am in parish rooms until roof repairs are complete. Other local Sunday Masses: 9.30am (in English) and 10.00 and 11.15am (in Polish) at Sons of Divine Providence, Hampton Wick