



Sacred Heart, Teddington

Parish Newsletter



26TH NOVEMBER 2023

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

PSALTER WEEK II

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by the angels, [...] All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand ...' (Matt 25:31-46); The prophet Ezechiel speaks of bad and selfish shepherds. Jesus has come as the Good Shepherd. Whether we are priests or parents, or siblings, we are called to give witness to God's love for humanity and share his love as best we can through our God-given resources. The last week of the liturgical year speaks of the final judgement. Jesus is our King and shepherd. He loves us, cares for us and leads us safely through this life towards and into heaven. The Cross accompanies us, and our good works go ahead of us. If we are sinners – turn around, change our ways and follow a new path: the virtuous enter eternal life, seated on the right hand of the Father. Pray for all the nations from around the world that God's salvation, love and mercy may reign with light, peace, joy, hope and justice.

DECEMBER – MONTH OF PRAYER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER – We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
(3rd Dec, 1st Sunday of Advent, Year A)
Isa 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Matt 24:37-44

Saturday	25 th November	St Catherine of Alexandria	9.30-11am 6pm	Adoration and Confessions Moira E. - int Elizabeth
Sunday	26 th November	Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners Don and Agnes Campbell RIP
Monday	27 th November	Weekday of Advent	9.30am	Trevor Jones (recovery)
Tuesday	28 th November	Weekday of Advent	9.30am	Moira E. - Thanksgiving for family and friends
Wednesday	29 th November	Weekday of Advent	9.30am	Moira E. For wisdom and strength
Thursday	30 th November	St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland	No Mass	Pray the rosary at home for world peace
Friday	1 st December	Weekday of Advent	9.30am	Maurice RIP
Saturday	2 nd December	Weekday of Advent	9.30-11am 6pm	Adoration only Parishioners
Sunday	3 rd December	1 st Sunday of Advent	9.30am 11.15am	Michael Adams RIP Jeanne Franz – 90 th birthday intention

PARISH MATTERS AND NEWS FROM THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

SACRED HEART SCHOOL If you have a child who will be **STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2024** then tours of the school are running Fridays at 9.45am (or by appointment) until early January 2024. We look forward to welcoming you to Sacred Heart.

In the meantime, please take a moment to watch a video about our school https://youtu.be/wliHx9Q5zTg?si=ZrWcbh_pM65-W0fe

Sacred Heart also offers **EXTENDED NURSERY PROVISION** to those eligible for 30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE and to those who are SELF-FUNDED. Tours are welcome – phone 020 8977 6591 or email info@sacredheart.richmond.sch.uk A short video showing our lovely nursery setting is available on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8LE_QPbuVbM.

PARISH FINANCES – Thank you for support. Gift aid raises an extra 25% for parish finances. October Standing Orders: £2,441.00; Contactless October. £220; Last Sunday's plate collection £160.62 **Thanks everyone for their offerings to support The Sacred Heart.** Gift Aiders should now have received their gift aid statements. The gift aid claim for the tax year ending 5 April 2023 came to a total of £5,686.75 with a further £1,651.88 expected from the small donation scheme. If you did not receive a statement or if you are a taxpayer and would like to begin gift aiding your donations, please contact Traci or complete a standing order/gift aid form. **One-off donations for Mass intentions or other offerings can be gift aided using the blue envelopes in the hall.** Please remember to let us know if your tax status or contact details change. Thank you! Email Traci: teddingtonbk@rcdow.org.uk In office: Weds 10:30-2:30pm

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS – November Dead List 2023. The dead will be remembered in prayers and daily Masses.

SACRAMENTS – ENROLLING NOW FOR BAPTISM preparation for infants, older children wishing to join the Catholic Church in preparation for making their first confession and preparation for receiving holy communion. **Calling now for The Sacred Heart Church Teddington Batch 2024 First Reconciliation and Holy Communion** **Calling now for The Sacred Heart candidates to enrol for confirmation with St. Francis de Sales 2024 batch.** For the necessary enrolment forms please contact: teddington@rcdow.org.uk

BUILDING WORKS Personal meetings are still possible with those wishing to meet with Fr. Stephen to pledge financial support. Please also invite your contacts to pledge. Email teddington@rcdow.org.uk for an appointment.

DAY BY DAY ADVENT BOOKLETS available on hall trolley. £1.00 each. Infant and Junior copies free of charge. Please pass them around.

ADVENT CALENDARS from CARITAS available now in the hall – supporting foodbanks or individual needy families this Christmas.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024: Registration for the 2024 Confirmation Programme is now open for Year 9 for those already baptised in the Roman Catholic Church and attending Mass at Sacred Heart. Parents should initially register using the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/FQrNRNjvAp> Registration closes on Sunday, 14th January 2024. NB. registration does not guarantee a place on the Confirmation programme. There will be individual meeting with Fr Stephen. Classes will take place on Sunday evenings from 6pm to 7pm at St Francis de Sales parish church, Hampton Hill. Further details email parish office: teddington@rcdow.org.uk

SUPPORT FOR THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE COMMUNITIES, UKRAINE Helping the poor and needy and/or disabled persons projects. Send payments 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)**

THE BRIDGE MAGAZINE www.sonsofdivineprovidence.org <https://we.tl/t-cMsu9f4JFy> Hard copies are available in the hall.

SDP CANONICAL VISIT We welcome Fr. Fernando Fornerod and Fr. Fausto Franchesi 28 Nov – 5 Dec for their fraternal visit.

JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN November 2023 –this is on the window closest to the hall door.

THE SACRED HEART PARISH TEDDINGTON (& HAMPTON WICK) DREAM: TO BE A HUB OF LISTENING AND OUTREACH. **WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF US AS INDIVIDUALS AND A PARISH?** PRAYER, DISCERNMENT, OPEN MINDS AND OPEN HEARTS, WILLING TO SHARE OUR GIFTS AND TALENTS GENEROUSLY WITH OTHERS. **A CHALLENGE:** TO OPEN OUR DOORS – OPEN, FRIENDLY, KIND, HOSPITABLE, WELCOMING, SHOWING EMPATHY AND COMPASSION, NON-JUDGEMENTAL. TO HEAR CONFESSIONS, JUST LISTEN, OFFER COUNSELLING, A PLACE OF REFUGE TO SIT IN PEACE AND QUIET IN GOD'S HOUSE – MEDITATION AND CONTEMPLATION.

SACRED HEART CHURCH TEDDINGTON IS REVIEWING AND UPDATING ITS PARISHIONER LIST. If there are members of the parish that wish to complete a parishioner form or have changes made to their details on the parishioner list, please contact Phillippa Chaney, Parish Administrator on teddington@rcdow.org.uk Thank you very much for your assistance.

BE A PART OF REAWAKENING, REVIVING AND RESTORING OUR CHURCH

PLEDGE FORMS FOR THE SACRED HEART CHURCH TEDDINGTON, ROOF AND CEILING BUILDING WORKS AN ENORMOUS "THANK YOU" to everyone who have so far attended personal or group meetings and who have pledged or are considering to do so. We are excited about the prospect of reopening The Sacred Heart, Teddington, after a long period of closure. Thanks to the generosity of the Trinity Fund £100k match funding and of individuals who have already pledged, and our hope of other gifts and grants, we are on the way to meeting our financial goal. **With great joy: Target reached 50%** Pledge forms are again available this weekend and we ask immediate return of these so we can assess how much money is being pledged, in order that we can share the amount with parishioners and a prospective grant giver to whom we have to apply end Dec '23. The more we can receive now in pledges, the less we will have to repay to the Diocese. Please invite people you think would be interested to help us. Pledge forms are now available. We need to keep the momentum going to reduce the £500k (plus £85k contingency). Thanks again for financial contributions and prayers.

BEYOND OUR PARISH

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – PRAYER ROTA 26th November St Mark's Church *Interregnum*; 3rd Dec Hampton Wick Baptist Church Sandra Kimber; 10th December Christ Church Rev D. Stockford; 17th December 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 - thank you. **Food collection box in Sacred Heart Church hall.**

TWICKENHAM BRANCH OF CROSSLIGHT ADVICE CHARITY Provides **DEBT ADVISERS** and **FREE COURSES** about **MANAGING MONEY WELL** St Stephen's Church TW1, <https://www.themoneycourse.org>; <https://www.crosslightadvice.org/twickenham-east>.

CARITAS WESTMINSTER DOMESTIC ABUSE - SAFE IN FAITH website address: www.safeinfaith.org.uk See below details of upcoming training. The number for the National Domestic Abuse helpline: 0808 2000 247 If someone affected by Domestic Abuse would like to arrange some counselling, particularly from a faith perspective, please contact Nikki: email nikkidhillonk@rcdow.org.uk

CAFOD, MISSIO, ACN, CARDINAL'S APPEAL FOR SYRIA AND GAZA and many more. *And see Advent Calendar Food Bank* Please see notice boards, leaflets on hall trolley for information and respective websites for more info and to make direct personal donations.

PRAY FOR A RESOLUTION to the awful situations worldwide. Pray for the dead, grieving, traumatised, rescue workers, medics.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT ELLERAY HALL TEDDINGTON See posters in hall for what's needed – guests and items for parcels.

ADVENT SUMMIT All young people in the diocese are invited to join Westminster Youth Ministry, Sat 2nd Dec, 2-5pm at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Queensway. An afternoon of prayer and adoration themed around 'the dwelling place'. Speakers include Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Emmanuelle McFarlane-Barrow. Confessions available throughout. Email youth@rcdow.org.uk or sign up at <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/advent-summit-2/>

STREET SAFE is a service that allows you to report safety concerns in public places without giving us your name (anonymously). This includes issues like poorly-lit streets, abandoned buildings, or vandalism, as well as instances where you feel unsafe due to someone following or verbally abusing you. Please note: StreetSafe is not for reporting crimes or emergencies. If you witness a crime or emergency, please call the police on 101 or report a crime online. If you're unsure whether something is a crime or not, read our advice. Please complete short survey to report safety concerns: <https://www.met.police.uk/notices/street-safe/street-safe/>

CONFESSIONS AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES Tuesday 13 December at 7.30pm for Sacred Heart & St Francis de Sales parishioners.

CATHOLIC POCKET DIARIES 2024 costing £2.50 each. See Fr. Stephen

PARISH INFORMATION

Fr Stephen Beale FDP, Parochial Administrator

Parish administrator: Phillippa Chaney - office Mon/Fri 10am-2pm

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Weekend Mass times: Saturday 6pm; Sunday 9.30am and 11.15am in parish rooms until roof repairs are complete. *Other local Sunday Masses:* 9.30am (in English) and 11.00am (in Polish) at Sons of Divine Providence Chapel, Hampton Wick; **First Sunday Divine Mercy devotions** 2.30pm-3.30pm also at SDP chapel. (**Masses 8th Dec: 9.30am Sacred Heart; 6pm SDP chapel, Hampton Wick**)

Safeguarding: Estella Weston

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