



Sacred Heart, Teddington

Parish Newsletter

7TH APRIL 2024

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Week II

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

[...] The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you'. [...] 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' (John 20:19-31) As we reflect on the words Divine Mercy we have to be grateful to the gift to humanity of God's Divine Mercy through the ages and today through Jesus Christ who came not to condemn us but to save us. And we examine ourselves to ask am I / are we merciful to others? If we are not merciful and forgiving, how can we expect God to forgive us? It is the most humbling experience for a priest to sit in the confessional and to forgive another their sins because it is not the priest who forgives but Christ in and through the priest. Lord, help me to forgive myself and my neighbour and to let go of things that stop me forgiving, letting go and forgetting. Make me humble. Fill me with joy, peace and love. May I share these with others.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL - For the role of women We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

THE SACRED HEART PARISH, TEDDINGTON AND HAMPTON WICK - OUR VISION AND DREAM

TO BE A BEACON OF LIGHT, A HUB OF LISTENING & OUTREACH. **WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF US AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS A PARISH?** PRAYER, DISCERNMENT, OPEN MINDS AND OPEN HEARTS.

PLEDGE FORMS FOR THE SACRED HEART CHURCH TEDDINGTON, ROOF AND CEILING BUILDING WORKS AN ENORMOUS HEARTFELT "THANK YOU" to all who have contributed in any way so far. **With great joy and heartfelt gratitude, so far £250k has been pledged. We still need to raise another £250k** (plus £85k contingency). Pledge forms are available in the hall or from the presbytery. *Fundraising initiatives will be welcomed during 2024. Please be pro-active in inviting others to make pledges.*

We need to keep the momentum going to reduce the remaining amount. Thanks again for your financial contributions and prayers. **Pledge payments have started.** New pledge start dates 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th of the month. NB include: Payment Reference: **BF + Surname & Initials.** *Please make contributions by cash, cheque or bank transfer to avoid deductions taken through QR code.*

GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION The Diocese are preparing for the next grant application. Let's hope future applications may be successful and that pledges may continue so as to reduce the amount of money needed as a loan from the diocese ... Maybe legacies will be forthcoming in the future... Let's hope and pray for God's Providence ... Thanks everyone who have helped in any way so far.

PARISH MATTERS AND NEWS FROM THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS The school is accepting applications now for children who are looking for either an immediate Nursery place or a place for Autumn 2024/Spring 2025. Sacred Heart Nursery is open all day during term time. Please telephone school for a tour. Further details and video available: Nursery Admissions Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School: sacredheartteddington.co.uk

WISHES OF EASTER BLESSINGS FROM EVERYONE AT SACRED HEART SCHOOL were accompanied by the children colouring flowers and making paper chains to decorate the church hall in the absence of real flowers. Parishioners and visitors were impressed and the children were very excited to see their handiwork on display. Thank you, one and all.



PARISH FINANCES - Thank you for supporting The Sacred Heart. February standing Orders and Contactless £2,391; Easter Sunday's plate collection THANK YOU. Gift aid raises an extra 25% for parish finances. To gift aid your donations, please complete a gift aid form. **One-off donations for Mass intentions or other offerings can be gift aided using the blue envelopes in the hall.** Please tell us if your details change. Thank you! Email Traci: teddingtonbk@rcdow.org.uk In office: Weds 10.30am-2.30pm

SACRAMENT CLASSES - STARTS NEXT WEEK First Holy Communion April 13, 20, 27, May 11, 18 and 8 June. FHC 15 June at 12noon.

CONFIRMATION '24 Please pray for batch '24 candidates preparing to make their Confirmation at St. Francis de Sales in June.

SUPPORT FOR THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE COMMUNITIES: Helping SDP UKRAINE 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)

DON ORIONE OGGI MAGAZINE - news from SDP worldwide with translation option into English <http://www.donorione.org/>

In the DON ORIONE MARIAN YEAR from February 11 to November 20, 2024, the plenary indulgence can be gained every day and, in particular, on the listed Marian dates celebrating Mother of God. The aim: to bring our religious, staff and parishioners to Mary.

BEYOND OUR PARISH

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – PRAYER ROTA 7th April St Michael's Church Rev Ed Kendall; 14th April St Mary with St Alban Church Rev David Cloake; 21st April St Mark's Church Rev Thomas Simpson

ACCOMMODATION SOUGHT FOR REFUGEES IN THE BOROUGH OF RICHMOND Please follow the link if you have accommodation for rent to help refugees including from Ukraine, Africa and Middle East [Refugees Welcome in Richmond \(RWinR\)](#)

CARITAS ST. JOSEPH'S Connect@DramaOpenDay Tuesday 9th April 2pm – 4pm St. Laurence's Church, The Green, Feltham TW134AF Classes and workshops for adults with learning disabilities. Contact: Karen 07394 566 361 Email: Lauramoran@rcdow.org.uk

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND Friends of the Holy Land is an apolitical and ecumenical charity, helping to support Christians in the Holy Land and to develop a resilient and enduring Christian community there. <https://www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/>

MARY'S MEALS www.marysmeals.org.uk - emergency appeal for Ara Primary School in Tigray, Ethiopia – pupils and ex-pupils needing food. Children are now working as housemaids or looking after cattle to afford food, with thousands in this area on the brink of starvation. See poster in hall.

OTHER CHARITY APPEALS Many to choose from. Please see posters displayed throughout the hall. Thank you for your generosity.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Westminster Cathedral, 25th May, 2:30pm. The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give Fr Stephen your details.

RETRouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com; www.retrouvaille.org.uk

OTHER SOURCES OF HELP

- Foodbank at St Michael's Fulwell, Wilcox Road, TW11 OSP (07516 935 655 or www.richmondfoodbank.org.uk).
- Crosslight debt and money management advice, St Stephen's TW1 (www.crosslightadvice.org/twickenham-east)
- Energy bills: see National Energy Action's advice service at <https://www.nea.org.uk/get-help/> or call their helpline 0800 304 7159 (BSL interpreters available)
- National Domestic Abuse helpline: 0808 2000 247. If you're affected by domestic abuse and would like faith-based counselling, please contact nikkidhillonk@rcdow.org.uk

FR STEPHEN'S POST HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS MESSAGE

Many thanks to the Sacred Heart pupils and staff and to our parishioners for making the Triduum and Easter time such a wonderful occasion with decorations, cleaning, singing, serving at the altar, reading, preparing and clearing away, and to drivers who got people from A to B, enabling less able parishioners to attend. Thanks to those who clean around the church and beautify with flowers and hanging baskets and to the newsletter and website team who also contribute so much of their time and energies. Thanks to everyone who contributed financially for the Cardinal's Lenten collection that raised **£273.80** and for the Holy Places Good Friday collection that raised **£413.50**; Thanks too for your Easter greetings and gifts and for your Easter weekend envelopes and plate collections. May EASTER BLESSINGS TO PARISHIONERS AND FAMILIES AND VISITORS continue in abundance.

- I have identified a youth worker and am also looking for a female to train along side to start youth activities. **Anyone interested?**
- Whilst thanking those who have or who are contributing financially to the Building Fund, may I again extend the invitation to parishioners to make pledges and ask people around and further afield to support our building fund. In this way we will reduce to a minimum the amount of money we will need to ask of the diocese in the form of a loan. Let's pray for Divine Providence to assist us. We are preparing to go to tender with a view to beginning building work and we are getting quotes for new boilers. We hope to have verbal updates before too long. My thanks as ever to the diocesan fundraising and property services staff for their support.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS – This Sunday 2.30pm-3.30pm *The Sons of Divine Providence, St. Edward's Hall, 13 Lower Teddington Road, Hampton Wick, KT1 4EU* Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration and silent personal prayer. All welcome, bring a friend.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

14th April
(3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B)

Acts 3:13-15,17-19, 1 John 2:1-5a; Luke 24:35-48

PARISH INFORMATION

Fr Stephen Beale FDP, Parochial Administrator

Parish administrator: Phillippa Chaney, in the office Mon and Fri, 10am-2pm

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Safeguarding: Estella Weston (teddingtonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

Mass times: Sunday: 9.30am and 11.15am; Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.30am at Sacred Heart or at Sons of Divine Providence 9.30am to Friday rosary 6pm, Mass 6.30pm; **Divine Mercy devotions first Sunday 2.30pm-3.30pm** (St. Edward's Hall, 13 Lower Teddington Road, Hampton Wick, KT14EU)

Next week's Mass Intentions

Saturday	6th April	Easter Saturday	9.30-11am 6pm	Adoration and Confessions David Penrice RIP anniv
Sunday	7th April	2nd Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.15am	Julie Anne Fiorucci RIP Parishioners
Monday	8th April	Weekday of Easter	10.00am	Cilia Jones RIP anniv
Tuesday	9th April	Weekday of Easter	9.30am	Special intention
Wednesday	10th April	Weekday of Easter	9.30am	June Johnson RIP
Thursday	11th April	St Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr	No Mass	Pray the rosary at home for world peace
Friday	12th April	Weekday of Easter	09.30	Int Denise Read
Saturday	13th April	St Martin I, Pope, Martyr	9.30-11am 6pm	Adoration and Confessions Odile Diamond RIP
Sunday	14th April	3rd Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.15am	Jackie Kirby Parishioners