



19TH JANUARY 2025 CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK OF PRAYER 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WEEK II

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

Brothers and Sisters: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but it is the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11) This passage from St. Paul sits very well for the week of prayer for Christian Unity. Last we met as Churches Together in Teddington. We plan to host an event in June to celebrate the Eucharist whilst not being able to eat at the same table due to church history events that prevent us. However we are still determined to express our being Christians together. Please join our prayer to find the topic that will unite our liturgies – unity in diversity, and pray for discernment of Spirit to help us work more closely when our church reopens.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY – For the right to an education Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected. (*hard copies of Holy Father's prayer intentions for 2025 are available in the hall to bring home and pray personally or with the family & to give to others*)

THE SACRED HEART PARISH, TEDDINGTON AND HAMPTON WICK

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND NEW PARISHIONERS. Make yourselves known: as a parish, we wish to make you feel welcome!

FIRST RECONCILIATION We have begun by meeting parents this weekend, and next weekend we welcome the children as they receive their books and are supported in their learning and growth in faith and good works guided by their catechists and parents / guardians. Please pray for the children as they pray for our church community. Guided by the Holy Spirit we move forward in love and hope.

BUILDING WORKS UPDATE Access into the hall is through a temporary wheelchair-accessible side entrance to the right of the church. "People safety is our priority." Keep updated through photos on display in the hall and on the view / donate parish website. Weather permitting, we expect external and internal works to continue. Phase 2 scaffolding will see reconfiguration of scaffolding. You may see from a distance the fitting of new slates is progressing well. Plasterers are starting work on the new ceiling.

PLEDGE DRIVE We would be grateful for any one-off or on-going pledges to help reduce the loan from the diocese which we are about to draw on. If you know of people in and around Hampton Wick and Teddington and further afield who can support us please invite them to support us directly through pledge forms available in the hall or by making contact with me. Gift Aided can earn an extra 25%.

FOR PLEDGE PAYMENTS please include: payment reference: **BF + Surname & Initials**. Please make contributions by cash, cheque or bank transfer to avoid deductions taken through QR code. **Soon we will be able to update you verbally and let you see the updated six monthly accounts for a more complete picture.** Pledge forms and gift aid forms are available in the hall. **Thank you.**

REMEMBER THE SACRED HEART CHURCH TEDDINGTON BUILDING FUND AS A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL Remember Building Fund and on-going parish maintenance as a legacy in your will. If you or those you know wish to make a pledge, please tell me.

MASS INTENTIONS If you would like a Mass intention celebrated please fill in the envelope in the hall. Thanks for your donation.

PARISH MATTERS AND NEWS FROM THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

Sacred Heart School offers an **EXTENDED NURSERY PROVISION** to those eligible for 15/30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE and to those who are SELF-FUNDED. You can see a video tour of our nursery at: <https://www.youtube.com/@sacredheartscheddington> Visit us.

PARISH FINANCES – Thank you for supporting The Sacred Heart. December S.O. £ 2,269.00; Contactless £234.75; On-line (Stripe) £160.00; Christmas money (loose and contactless) £752.50 renewed heartfelt thanks for Christmas cards, gifts and prayers received. Last Sunday's plate collection £113.70; Gift aid raises an extra 25% for parish finances. *Pls consider standing order + gift aid.*

DONA MACHINE NOW WORKING – REGISTER ONCE ON THE MACHINE FOR REGULAR / WEEKLY PAYMENTS. GIFT AID POSSIBLE.

SECOND COLLECTIONS PAX CHRISTI –Promoting Justice and Peace initiatives worldwide. Envelopes in hall. Return direct by post.

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) **PLEASE PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE.**

THE BRIDGE MAGAZINE – WINTER ISSUE hard copies in the hall or on-line <https://www.orionecare.org/whats-new/publications/>

CBCEW inform: A debate on the future of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme in Westminster Hall next Wednesday 22nd January at 9.30am, and a Minister from DCMS will respond. CBCEW expect that a decision on the future of the scheme will be made very soon, and as such I am asking you once more to please ask all of your parishes (and all of their parishioners) to write to their MPs asking them to attend the debate. We have updated the text of the e-campaign on our website to reflect this - so far over 2000 emails have been sent to MPs – if we could get as many as possible of them to the debate, that would be brilliant. **Please urgently encourage everyone to send in another email even if they have already done so – the time frame is very short on this, and the loss of the LPWGS would be disastrous.** The e-campaign can be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/listed-places-of-worship-grant-scheme> With huge thanks for all you have already done to support this, Jo (CBCEW)

BEYOND OUR PARISH

PILGRIMS OF HOPE all are welcome to St. Gregory the Great designated Church for our deanery or to the Cathedral. A booklet has been prepared to help us grow in faith, hope and love. Invoke the Sacred Heart of Jesus and read the new encyclical Dilixit Nos. **DILEXIT NOS (He Loved Us)** New encyclical by Pope Francis out now: see You Tube video summary or text in full: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/20241024-enciclica-dilexit-nos.html> St. Paul's Bookshop £6.95

MASS FOR THE SICK AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL at 2pm on Saturday 8th February 2025, celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, during which Anointing of the Sick will be offered. Ask Fr. Stephen or Pippa to obtain tickets. This can be arranged – it is a ticketed event.

DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER • Legacy gifts: legacies@rcdow.org.uk, or call us on **020 7798 9025**. Thank you

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – PRAYER ROTA 19th January Salvation Army Emily Watson; 26th Sacred Heart Church Fr. Stephen Beale; 2nd February Hampton Wick Baptist Church Sandra Kimber; 9th February Christchurch Dominic Stockford

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON Christian Unity Week 18-25 January see poster in hall. Sunday 19 January 6.30pm at St Mary with St Alban's and at **Sacred Heart, Monday 20 January 09.30 followed by tea/coffee.**

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK Welcome: Catholic Bishops' Conference DO YOU BELIEVE? <https://search.app/EhWn7xG7Yw9VdFmV8>

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK Written by Dr Nicola Brady, General Secretary, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland *The following is an extract: The 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea this year has been embraced with a hopeful enthusiasm in the global Church and in ecumenical bodies, inspiring a wide range of events and dialogues. At the heart of our reflections for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is the question posed by Jesus to Martha: 'Do you believe this?' (John 11:26). This same question resonated throughout the deliberations of the first Ecumenical Council, meeting in Nicaea in 325, which gathered Christian communities from around the world to strengthen their relationships as the Church of Jesus Christ. [...] from the Gospel story it is clear that the words of Jesus are spoken in love and experienced as invitation as well as challenge. Similarly, while the Council of Nicaea was not without its challenges as a wounded and scattered Church sought to discern the truth of the Gospel message, there was an obvious desire to deepen connection and belonging and to live faithfully as disciples of Christ. An important question [...], and one to which this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity resource seeks to respond is: what is the relevance to the life and mission of the local church? [...] we are reminded that the gift of our faith brings both support and challenge. We are reminded of the transformative power of our faith which gives hope in suffering through the promise that all will be renewed in Christ.*

SOURCES OF HELP

- Foodbank at St Michael's Fulwell, Wilcox Road, TW11 0SP (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
 - National Domestic Abuse helpline: 0808 2000 247. Affected by domestic abuse? Faith-based counselling: nikkidhillonk@rcdow.org.uk
 - Society For The Protection Of The Unborn Child (SPUC) Threats against LIFE in E&W – see <https://www.spuc.org.uk/>
 - Mariposa Trust: "Saying Goodbye" to a child who died in birth, pregnancy or infant. Support and counselling www.sayinggoodbye.org"
 - PACT Prisoners Advise & Care Trust – www.prisonadvice.org.uk; www.prisonadvice.org.uk/events Pray 4 prisoners & their families
 - Local Charity Embracing Age are looking for volunteers to befriend care home residents across the Borough of Richmond. Involves having a chat, reading aloud, connecting with residents in other languages. Email shabnum@embracingage.org.uk / call 07422 502957
 - SPEAR (Kingston & Richmond) supporting from homelessness to independence. Report a rough sleeper www.spearlondon.org
 - Shooting Star Children's Hospice (Hampton.) Donations welcome. Contact: Polly Wiseman Polly.Wiseman@shootingstar.org.uk
 - Help The Homeless: The Passage St. Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place SW1P 1NL www.passage.org.uk/donate or tel: 02075921850
 - Aid To The Church In Need (ACN) : Help young Christians displaced and persecuted Christians worldwide. See: acnuk.
 - Mary's Meals www.marysmeals.org.uk Poster in hall.
- Friends of The Holy Land <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>

OTHER CHARITY APPEALS Many to choose from. Please see posters in hall.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
26th January
(3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year C)
 Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30;
 Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

PARISH INFORMATION **Fr Stephen Beale FDP, Parochial Administrator**
Parish administrator: Phillippa Chaney, in the office Mon and Fri, 10am-2pm
 Parish website (including newsletter: <https://sacredheartteddington.org/>)
 Email: teddington@rcdow.org.uk, Telephone: 020 8977 2986
 Bookkeeper: Traci: teddingtonbk@rcdow.org.uk In office: Weds 10.30am-2.30pm
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 Monday to Friday rosary 6pm, Mass 6.30pm; **Divine Mercy devotions** every first Sunday SDP Chapel, 2.30pm-3.30pm (23 Lower Teddington Rd, Hampton Wick, KT1 4EU)

Next week's Mass Intentions

Saturday	18 th January	Saturday memorial of BVM	9.30-11am 6pm	Adoration and Confession Frank Vose RIP
Sunday	19 th January	2 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners Maria Teres RIP
Monday	20 th January	St Fabian, Pope, Martyr St Sebastian, Martyr	9.30am	Annie Miller RIP
Tuesday	21 st January	St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr	9.30am	Special intention
Wednesday	22 nd January	St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr	9.30am	Peter Sewell RIP
Thursday	23 rd January	Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass	Pray the rosary for Peace & Justice
Friday	24 th January	St Francis de Sales, Bishop Doctor of the Church	9.30am	Mary Bradley RIP
Saturday	25 th January	The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle	9.30-11am 6pm	Adoration and Confession Sr. Anne Marie Gorman SP int
Sunday	26 th January	3 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners Special intention