



26TH JANUARY 2025 SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WEEK III

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

[... he stood up ...] **'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'** [...] **'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'** (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21)

This week we celebrate Sunday of the word of God; This year we celebrate a jubilee year of hope embracing the Lord's mercy. The readings speak of Jesus proclaiming the Scriptures in the temple – the same Word proclaimed then, today and tomorrow. If we open our ears the Lord will speak to our hearts – God's Spirit is in my heart, he has called me and set me apart. **This is what I have to do ...**

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.

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 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. **CONFIRMATION** Pray for our 6 candidates starting at St. Francis de Sales

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." Photos on display in the hall and on the view / donate parish website. Weather permitting, phase 2 will see removal of the upper scaffolding with reconfiguration of scaffolding enabling work to replace the slates on the side aisles. Next: the mouldings have to be made and fitted. It is unsure we will be in the church for Easter. No promises, but we will pull out all the stops!!!

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.

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/@sacredheartschteddington> 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 £182.10; 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.

ROOFING SLATES APPEAL The Sacred Heart Church Teddington (& Hampton Wick) Building Fund – we have so far raised £250,000.00 Would you help us towards the further £500, 000.00 we need? It is simple to do through the Roofing Slates Appeal.

We re inviting sponsors / donors of Roofing Slates to contribute £5.00 each or £100 for a square meter of coverage, either in your name or in memory of someone special.

To support this Appeal just click on QR codes on our banners or website, or use the Dona machine in the Church hall and follow the instructions.

The Sacred Heart Church Teddington (& Hampton Wick) is a familiar landmark within our community and we want to increase our numbers, welcoming families back in to the church, as well as extend our social outreach within the local community. Our vision: to be a beacon of light with other local, nationwide and worldwide churches. Thank you for supporting us and the people we will reach.

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

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/>

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 – WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY has been well supported. Together, we believe and together with Christ as the head and we as one body, Christians together, do great things, and we can do ever greater. Let's try ...

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – **PRAYER ROTA** 26th Sacred Heart Church Fr. Stephen Beale; 2nd February Hampton Wick Baptist Church Sandra Kimber; 9th February Christchurch Dominic Stockford; 16th February St. Michael's Church Rev Ed Kendall

DECLARATION OF THE CATHOLIC ORDINARIES ON THE CEASEFIRE IN GAZA The Catholic Ordinaries of the Holy Land welcome the announcement of the ceasefire in Gaza, which aims to end the hostilities in Gaza, return the Israeli hostages and release the Palestinian prisoners. We hope that this ceasefire will mark an important end to the violence that has caused immeasurable suffering. It is a necessary step to halt the destruction and meet the urgent humanitarian needs of countless families affected by the conflict.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2025 Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) is marked on 27 January each year and is a time to remember the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution and in the genocides which followed.

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE VACANCIES The college is currently looking for: Teacher of Religious Education; Teacher of French; Teacher of PE (Girls); Part-time Art Technician. Please contact recruitment@srrcc.org.uk phone 020 8325 4630
 For more info: <https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/vacancies-2/>

DIVINE MERCY TALK with Fr. Mark Barron MIC. Tuesday 11 February 7pm – 9pm; Church of St. James, 61 Pope's Grove, Twickenham TW1 4JZ Email: INFO@DIVINEMERCY.ORG.UK; www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk

YEAR OF HOPE BOOKLETS We will try to source these from St. Gregory the Great, Ruislip, which is our allocated Shrine for 2025.

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
- 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.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/>

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

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS 2nd February (The Presentation of the Lord, Year C)

Malachi 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18;
Luke 2:22-40

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** next Sunday SDP Chapel, 2.30pm-3.30pm (23 Lower Teddington Rd, Hampton Wick, KT1 4EU)

Next week's Mass Intentions

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
Monday	27 th January	St Angela Merici, Virgin	9.30am	Shirley Corbey RIP
Tuesday	28 th January	St Thomas, Aquinas, Priest, Doctor	9.30am	Sr. Mary Pass RIP
Wednesday	29 th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30am	Marian Da Costa (wellbeing)
Thursday	30 th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass	Pray the rosary for peace and justice
Friday	31 st January	St John Bosco, Priest	9.30am	Sheila Fallon RIP anniv
Saturday	1 st February	Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30-11am 6pm	No Adoration this Saturday Marianthe Conway RIP
Sunday	2 nd February	The Presentation of the Lord	9.30am 11.15am	Religious Congregations worldwide Parishioners