



Sacred Heart Teddington

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# Parish Newsletter



28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK II

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

**'You received good things, and Lazarus bad things; now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.'** (Luke 16:19-31). This is the story of the rich man who ignored the poor man Lazarus. Both died and Lazarus fell into God's arms. The rich man was denied entry into heaven. He pleaded for his brothers but God told him they would not listen – they would follow their own ways. We can do our own thing, following God-less ways but we suffer for it. We are rich in so many ways and we are called to share our wealth, but above all to imitate God's love. Given our life experiences, how can we help others in and around the parish? Can you help run Alpha, catechetical programmes, social outreach listening, serving food/drinks. Service to youth, adults, elders? Who can you help? Please volunteer – now! **POPE LEO XIV PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER – For collaboration between different religious traditions** Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

## THE SACRED HEART PARISH, TEDDINGTON AND HAMPTON WICK and THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE NEWS

**CHURCH LIFE:** We have welcomed some **new faces** to the Church this past week, and people are still coming in during the day and evening for reflective prayer in the Narthex Area (it is good to start using the technical names!) – the lighting will be improved in that area with darker nights looming. The numbers are growing which is wonderful, please pass on to friends that we are open and they are more than welcome. **The Baptism Preparation evening** is being fully embraced; we have five new families who shall attend so far. There is still space available, so please register if needed. We have acquired two new hot water urns so we propose **TEA AND COFFEE after Mass at the weekends** starting 4/5 October. If anyone would like to rustle up a cake or two to share around that would be most welcome ( no nuts please ) – and we have some biscuits to share as well! We will serve from the narthex as people exit.

Volunteers needed to help serve please. **A reminder:** on entering the church **please take a hymn book or a M.A.S.H booklet** so you can join in with the praise and worship to God. It also lifts the spirits and the heart, so please collect before you are seated.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL** offers an **EXTENDED NURSERY PROVISION** to those eligible for 15/30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE and to those who are SELF-FUNDED. See a video tour of our nursery at: <https://www.youtube.com/@sacredheartsteddington> Visit us.

**MISSIO MASS AND MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING** Fr. Stephen joined Sacred Heart school together with other junior schools from Westminster, Southwark and Arundel & Brighton dioceses for the annual Missio Mass held at St. Theodore's in Hampton. The main celebrant was Bishop James Curry. The theme was helping others around the world who are poor and needy. The children present are all chaplains in their schools. On Friday Fr. Stephen attended the coffee morning – a nice witness of helping the local sick community.

**NEXT BAPTISM COURSE:** This is now scheduled for Thursday 9 October 7pm-8.30pm – please contact Pippa to book in.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026:** Please start thinking about this Sacrament if your Child/ren are in the current Yr 3 class or above – start date Jan 2026 Date TBC. **CONFIRMATION 2026:** If your child/ren are in the current Yr 9 at Secondary School, please speak with them/friends about this third important Sacrament - start date Jan 2026 Date TBC.

**MORE CATECHISTS NEEDED PLEASE:** Following on from the above, I am asking with some urgency for people to come forward to help with First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, Confirmation and for the RCIA programme. We **urgently need** catechists to journey with individuals and small groups of young adults wanting to engage in the Sacraments. Advice and training will be given.

**PARISH FINANCES – Thank you for supporting The Sacred Heart.** August S.O. £2,449; Contactless: £416.00; Building Fund Standing Order £660.00 Last Sunday's plate collection £258.93 Please consider making a standing order for your weekly contribution?

**Our GIFT AID claim** for the 2024/25 tax year raised £12,491.25. Thank you to all of our gift aiders. If you are a taxpayer and do not already gift aid your donations, please consider it. Gift aid earns an extra 25% for parish. Standing order and gift aid forms are available at the back of the church. Tell your friends! Monthly standing orders are the easiest and most efficient way to support your parish financially. Thanks to all of you who Gift Aid to the parish or building fund – Your Gift Aid makes a difference.

**PLEDGES** We need more pledges for our building fund to help reduce the loan when repayments begin. Pledge and updated gift aid forms are available in the church or contact the parish office. Use BF + Surname & Initials as the reference - all building fund payments.

**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. Legacy gifts: [legacies@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:legacies@rcdow.org.uk), Info: Laura Dudhee **020 7798 9159**

**ROOFING SLATES APPEAL – has raised £3,805.00** Thanks for everyone's support and generosity. We still have many more to go. £5 per slate, or £100 for 1m<sup>2</sup>. To support click on QR codes on our banners or website, or use the Dona machine in the Church hall, and follow the instructions. If you donate by bank transfer fees can be avoided. Put your name + initials + 'Roof Slate Appeal'

**SECOND COLLECTION – CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 5<sup>th</sup> October.** Last weekend - **EVANGELII GAUDIUM APPEAL** - £ 172.45. Thank you

**METROPOLITAN POLICE: MET ENGAGE** Community crime-fighting. Sign up now to say what matters most to YOU [metengage.co.uk](http://metengage.co.uk) This is a new platform: get to know your local police; tell them what's concerning you most so they can take action on the things causing most concern to you. The service will be tailored to the community. See the parish notice board and click on the QR code.

**RICHMOND & TWICKENHAM CIRCLE (90) OF THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION FILM EVENING** in support of The Sacred Heart Church Roof Fund **SHOWING INN OF THE SIXTH HAPPINESS** on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 7.30pm-10.00pm **Tickets £10.00** each (includes Light Snacks & Liquid refreshment) Venue: The Sacred Heart Church Hall, Teddington, 262 Kingston Rd, TW11 9JQ Holy

**CROSS MISSIONARIES INVITE CATHOLICS** to pray global rosary for peace - Vatican News <https://share.google/8EiibbXpNoflywixm>

**POPE LEO XIV MESSAGE FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION 1 September to 4 October 2025**See: <http://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/creation/documents/20250630-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>

**CARDINAL JOINS CHURCH LEADERS IN CALLING FOR AN END TO THE WAR IN GAZA:** Cardinal Vincent Nichols has joined Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, the Archbishop of York, and other Church leaders in calling for an end to the war in Gaza and the release of all hostages and prisoners after Israel launched its major ground offensive in Gaza City. In the joint statement, the Church leaders insist that “this deadly escalation is futile and must stop”, urging the international community to ensure that Israel upholds its legal responsibility to protect civilians.

**CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES: LIFE ISSUES** on website/social media. **Promote Hospice Care.**

Follow these links: <https://spuc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Terminally-Ill-Adults-End-of-Life-Briefing.pdf>  
<https://spuc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/How-to-Write-to-Members-of-the-House-of-Lords-on-Pro-Life-Issues.pdf> <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/assistedsuicideuk/> We must promote life from its natural conception to its natural end.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – PRAYER ROTA** 28th September Teddington Methodist Church Rev David Innes;

**SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS:** advertised on our notice board inside the Church – please take a photo or take a leaflet.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE: Time to get dates arranged:** It is now time for current yr 6 pupils transitioning into Secondary School in 2026. I will be holding informal open evenings 6pm-7.30pm, where parents can come and see me with their child/ren with the forms (Please print before appointment) to be completed and signed. Pre-book for Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> Oct and lastly Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. Each school has its own closing date – bear in mind the October half term!

To book a slot: contact Pippa [teddington@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:teddington@rcdow.org.uk) – if no demand for an evening then I will move across to the next available date.

**JUBILEE DAY FOR CATECHISTS** with Bishop Nicholas Hudson. All catechists from parishes in central and east London are invited to a Jubilee Day for Catechists with Bishop Nicholas and the Agency for Evangelisation on Saturday 18th October. The theme of “Reawakening Blessed Hope”. The day will run from 10am to 4pm at St Mary and St Joseph parish, Poplar, E14 6EZ. Info: Scan the QR code or follow <https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/jubilee-days-for-catechists-2025/> The day is free to attend but catechists are asked to bring a packed lunch with them. To book a place, please pass your name and email address to your parish priest or parish administrator by 30th September, for them to forward to the Agency for Evangelisation. You will then receive an email from the Agency with more information.

**CHRISTIAN RESOURCES EXHIBITION** 40th Anniversary – SANDOWN PARK 15TH-16TH OCT 2025 – [creonline.co.uk/tickets](http://creonline.co.uk/tickets) to book

**UK PRAYS:** will be saying a public rosary in reparation for sin and to place the UK under the protection of Our Lady, Saturday October 4th 12.00 hrs at the Lion Gate, Hampton Court Palace, Hampton Court Road, KT8 9DD. This is a quiet side gate opposite Bushy Park. Not at the palace entrance. (Transport: Car Park at the Diana Fountain, Bushy Park / Hampton Court Station/multiple buses). Website [UKPrays.org](http://UKPrays.org).

**FIRST FRIDAY NEXT WEEK: DEDICATED TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS** after Mass; with the Rosary, litany and prayers.

**FIRST SATURDAY NEXT WEEK: 10.00am** during Adoration 9.30am – 11am we will Pray for Priests: Rosary, litany and prayers.

**PUBLIC CALL FOR INFORMATION** – Survivor Engagement in the Catholic Church (England and Wales) survey: **please see notice board.**

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

**MARRIAGE SUPPORT:** Next programme starts 17th – 19th Oct Investigate issues [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) – please see poster in hall.

**SACRED HEART CHURCH OPEN 08.00 – 18.00** with ramp access. Outside of Mass times: pray in the narthex area. Stand, sit or kneel Prayers please for Cardinal Vincent Nichols as he prepares to retire, making way for his successor. **Soon to be announced.**

**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)

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS****5<sup>th</sup> October****(27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C)**Habb 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 1 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14  
Luke 17:5-10**PARISH INFORMATION****Fr Stephen Beale FDP, Parochial Administrator***Parish administrator:* Phillippa Chaney, in the office Mon and Fri, 9am-3pmParish website (including newsletter: <https://sacredheartteddington.org/>)Email: [teddington@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:teddington@rcdow.org.uk), Telephone: 020 8977 2986Bookkeeper: Traci: [teddingtonbk@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:teddingtonbk@rcdow.org.uk) In office: Weds 10.30am-2.30pm**Safeguarding: Estella Weston** ([teddingtonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto: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**

<b>Saturday</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> September	St Vincent de Paul, Priest	09.30 – 11.00 6pm	Adoration and Confession Michael Cross RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> September	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30am 11.15am	Parishioners and benefactors Shaun Murphy RIP
<b>Monday</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> September	Ss Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels	09.30am	Special intention
<b>Tuesday</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> September	St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church	09.30am	Franz family intention
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> October	St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin Doctor of the Church	09.30am	Leslie Peter Franz RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	The Holy Guardian Angels	NO MASS	Pray rosary for our needy world
<b>Friday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Weekday in Ordinary Time	09.30am	Peter Edwards RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> October	St Francis of Assisi	09.30 – 11.00 6pm	Adoration & Pray for Priests Nancy Allen RIP anniv
<b>Sunday</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> October	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30am 11.15am	Parishioners and benefactors Priscilla McHugh RIP