



5TH OCTOBER 2025 MONTH OF THE DAILY ROSARY 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME PSALTER WEEK III

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

'[...] so you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty."' (Luke 17:5-10). Whether we are a priest, a religious, a missionary, a lay person within whatever role in the church, we are called to serve our brothers and sisters and especially the needy, imitating Jesus with fidelity, humility and sacrifice. There will be many struggles and difficulties along the way and we realise that others may be worse off. Our faith sustains us and those we encounter but we must pray to God and ask his help. At some point we will come to the end of our life, hoping to pass from this world into heaven. Jesus washes our feet ... let's wash the feet of others. At the end we will look back and say I was only doing my duty: God will say ENTER.

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: The days are getting darker and it feels more autumnal now. The Lord is always near, even if your spirit feels weak; the sun may be lower in the sky, but let it shine bright from each and every one of us. Send a text or make a phone call to anyone who you feel may be feeling low – spread your light - it can make a huge difference! Hebrews 6:10: "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." Invite someone to come along for our tea and coffee after Masses 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 helps to lift 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.

UPPER THAMES DEANERY SCHOOL TEACHERS MASS Canon Peter Newby was flanked on Monday by Fr. Philip from Staines, Fr. Philip from Hampton, Fr. Shaun from St. Francis de Sales and Fr. Stephen hosting from Sacred Heart Teddington. There was a lovely attendance and a lovely atmosphere among the teachers. May teachers be faith-filled to inspire the youth of today. Thanks to helpers.

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, 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 1m². 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 5th October. Second collection for CAFOD this weekend 4/5 October. Thank you

METROPOLITAN POLICE: MET ENGAGE Community crime-fighting. Sign up now to say what matters most to YOU 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.

PLEASE COME ALONG! 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 7th 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 **NEXT TUESDAY**

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

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. *Cardinal Vincent invites us all to pray the rosary every day during this month of October praying for world peace.*

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 5th October Sacred Heart Church Rev Stephen Beale;

HOME AND ABROAD MISSIONS. Autumn is the time to focus. It made me think we have the statue of St. Antony of Padua for whom such a great devotion. We have a collection box that has now been divided separately for SDP World Missions; MISSIO and the local needy.

LOOKING AHEAD We are supposed to have an annual visit from an outside Mission Congregation. I stalled the last two years because of the building works. In addition the diocese permit The Sons of Divine Providence to hold an annual collection. Before year end I will reach out to the Columban Fathers and I will book Fr. Martin Mroz FDP, SDP Delegate, and responsible for UK, Dublin, Jordan and USA communities to speak about the Don Orione World missions activities. Apologies for asking more financial help. Thanks in advance.

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE A suggestion was received to remember our deceased. Let’s organise an evening of candle light prayer for them

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 8th, 15th Oct and lastly Tuesday 21st Oct. Each school has its own closing date – bear in mind the October half term – don’t get caught out!

To book a slot: contact Pippa 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 to book

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 – 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
12th October
(28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C)
2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tim 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

PARISH INFORMATION **Fr Stephen Beale FDP, Parochial Administrator**
Parish administrator: Phillippa Chaney, in the office Mon and Fri, 9am-3pm
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: THIS SUNDAY SDP Chapel, 2.30pm-3.30pm (23 Lower Teddington Rd, Hampton Wick, KT1 4EU)

Next week’s Mass Intentions

Saturday	4 th October	St Francis of Assisi	09.30 – 11.00 6pm	Adoration & Pray for Priests Nancy Allen RIP anniv
Sunday	5 th October	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30am 11.15am	Parishioners and benefactors Priscilla McHugh RIP
Monday	6 th October	St Bruno, Priest	09.30am	Marie Glynn RIP
Tuesday	7 th October	Our Lady of the Rosary	09.30am	Special intention
Wednesday	8 th October	Weekday in Ordinary Time	09.30am	Grahame Keeley RIP anniv
Thursday	9 th October	St John Henry Newman	NO MASS	Pray rosary for world peace
Friday	10 th October	St Paulinus of York, Bishop Ss Denis, Bishop, and his Companions, Martyrs St John Leonardi, Priest	09.30am	John Sewell RIP
Saturday	11 th October	St John XXIII, Pope	09.30 – 11.00 6pm	Adoration & Pray for Priests
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