



Sacred Heart Teddington

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Parish Newsletter



9TH NOVEMBER 2025

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

PSALTER WEEK 4

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

Brothers and sisters: You are God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (1Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17) Each Church builds on its past and present to work for a better future. We do our best, we give of ourselves and we hand on the baton to others. We seek to bring light where there is darkness. People and the Church appreciate our efforts. We do our bit in building the community and the Church with Jesus who is the foundation stone. Rejoice and be glad because we are valued by those entering Sacred Heart Church Teddington: some returning, some 1st timers...

POPE LEO XIV PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER – For the prevention of suicide Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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

PARISH PILGRIMS TO ROME Thanks to parish pilgrims who have prayed for us during this year and to Pope Leo for his blessing us.

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICES : Just a gentle reflection of the two candle light services – a moving but supportive atmosphere that was appreciated by the attendees. It's the month of November so let's light a candle every day from our hearts for our deceased loved ones.

SAYING GOODBYE, (PART OF MARIPOSA INTERNATIONAL (SG)) 30th November at 3.30pm in Westminster Central Hall, will be hosting one of their Saying Goodbye Services. Anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. They have extended the services, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. This may be due to circumstance, infertility, or for other reasons - but all are welcome. Babies and children are also invited to come with their families, as the Saying Goodbye service is truly a family event for all.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – PRAYER ROTA 9th November St Mark's Church Rev Thomas Simpson;

PADRE PIO AT SACRED HEART Last Saturdays evening was well attended with youngsters travelling from near and afar: Mass, talk, Adoration and a meal. And the Monday reading group and the recording at Tuesday coffee morning were embraced and welcomed.

SECOND COLLECTIONS: November 29/30 Annual Appeal for The Sons of Divine Providence World Missions.

The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to 73 retired priests, at a cost of £1,270,000. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Pls pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill.

POPPY APPEAL 8th & 9th November A worthy cause. We have poppies on the table in the church. Thanks to all who served/died for us.

ALPHA REUNION AT SACRED HEART 12 November 7.00pm for St. James and Sacred Heart groups. Next Alpha – enrolling now for Jan.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL RECEPTION TOURS FOR 2026 ENTRY: We would love to welcome you to our Reception! Tours will be held every Friday for September 2026 entry. Each tour starts at 9.40 am and usually lasts around an hour.

Please let the school office know if you would like to join us — we look forward to meeting you! Call 0208 977 6591 or email info@sacredheart.richmond.sch.uk to book your place.

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. Sign up: contact Pippa in the parish office teddington@rcdow.org.uk

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2026: Registration is now open for the 2026 Confirmation Programme. Eligible candidates must: Be in Year 9 or above, have been baptised in the Roman Catholic Church and attend Mass regularly at Sacred Heart, Teddington. Parents should register their child using the link [<https://shorturl.at/AhFTY>] **Registration closes on Sunday 30th November 2025.**

Important: Registration does not guarantee a place. Confirmation of participation will follow an individual meeting with Fr Stephen in early December 2025. Classes will commence in early January and will be held on Sunday evenings, 6 pm to 7 pm at St Francis de Sales, Hampton Hill. Further details will be provided during the individual meetings with Fr Stephen. Confirmation will be Friday 1 May 2026

PARISH FINANCES – Thank you for supporting The Sacred Heart. October S.O. £2,494; Contactless: £881.00; Building Fund Standing Order £735.00; Last Sunday's plate collection £374.12 Pls 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

SACRED HEART CHURCH OPEN 08.00 – 18.00 with ramp access. Pray in the narthex area which has had a welcome lighting upgrade.

Pope Leo XIV presided at a Requiem Mass for the late Pope Francis and Cardinals and Bishops who have died over the course of the past year, praying that their souls “might be washed from every stain” and that they may “shine like stars in the sky. At the same time, he expressed his hope that “their spiritual encouragement might reach us, still pilgrims on earth, in the silence of prayer: ‘Hope in God: for I shall again praise Him, my help and my God.’” In particular, Pope Leo prayed “with great affection for the elect soul of Pope Francis, who died after opening the Holy Door and imparting the Easter Blessing to Rome and the whole world.” The Jubilee Year, he said, gives this Mass “a distinctive flavour – the flavour of Christian hope.” The Holy Father highlighted the message of the Gospel account of the disciples of Emmaus, whose encounter with the Risen Christ offers “a vivid representation of the pilgrimage of hope.” Their encounter began with the experience of the “violent death” of Jesus, the kind of death suffered by so many innocent “little ones” in our day, deaths that are tragic and frightening because they are “disfigured by sin.” “We cannot and must not say ‘laudato si’” – praise be to you – “for this death, because God the Father does not desire it, and He sent his Son into the world to free us from it,” the Pope said. Rather, Jesus suffered precisely “to enter into His glory and give us eternal life.” He alone, the Pope said, “can take this corrupt death upon Himself and within Himself without being corrupted by it.” When we confess that “He alone has the words of eternal life” we acknowledge that His words “have the power to rekindle faith and hope in our hearts.” This hope, the Holy Father said, “is no longer the hope [the disciples] had before and had lost,” but is instead “a new reality, a gift, a grace of the Risen One: it is the Easter hope.” With that Easter hope, Pope Leo continued, we can sing in the words of Saint Francis of Assisi, “Praise be to you, my Lord, for our sister bodily death.” “The love of Christ crucified and risen has transfigured death: from an enemy, it has made it a sister.” Although we are saddened by the death of loved ones, and even scandalized at the death of innocents “carried off by illness, or worse, by human violence,” Christians nonetheless continue to hope, “because even the most tragic death cannot prevent our Lord from welcoming our soul into His arms and transforming our mortal bodies, even the most disfigured, into the image of His glorious body.” It is precisely this “new Paschal hope,” Pope Leo said, that Pope Francis, as well as the Cardinals and Bishops who have died throughout the year, “lived, witnessed, and taught.” The Lord called them and appointed them shepherds in His Church,” the Pope said, and through their ministry,” they have guided “the righteous... on the path of the Gospel with the wisdom that comes from Christ, Who has become for us wisdom, justice, sanctification, and redemption.”

CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS REFLECTION on the raising of St John Henry Newman as Doctor of the Church, and Co-Patron of Catholic Education (with St Thomas Aquinas). On 13 October 2010, in a damp Cofton Park in Birmingham, Pope Benedict XVI declared Cardinal John Henry Newman to be Blessed. On 19 September 2019, at St Peter’s Basilica in Rome, Pope Francis declared him to be a Saint. On 1 November 2025, at Mass in front of the same Basilica, Pope Leo XIV proclaimed, in Latin, these words: ‘We, having obtained the opinions of numerous Brothers in the Episcopate and many of Christ’s faithful throughout the world, having consulted the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, after mature deliberation and with certain knowledge, and by the fullness of the apostolic power, declare Saint John Henry Newman, Doctor of the Church. In the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.’ And thus St John Henry Newman, for 40 years a parish priest in Birmingham, become only the third Doctor of the Church from England! Unexpectedly, I found my eyes filling with tears of gratitude and sheer amazement. Please see the full print out on the church notice board and on the Westminster Diocese website.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL INTERFAITH GROUP Nov 19 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Dame Fotiny Gudela speaks on human trafficking and discussion of the ideas for the 2026 programme No meeting in December. We meet in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace SW1P 3EP on the third Wednesday from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Refreshments and all are welcome. Contact John Woodhouse woodhousesopten@btinternet.com

SUPPORT 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)

CHURCH LIFE: It is so humbling to have such a warm hearted community here at the Sacred Heart Church; each week I see people helping others who are in need in one way or another, jumping to help where it is needed - a natural instinct. I am aware that you can see I am under increased pressure to instigate, grow and maintain things here – please don’t worry – but as I have said before when I need help I shall ask – and as you can see from the weekly newsletters I am asking urgently for help now for volunteer roles to enable me to focus on the pastoral care which is increasing week by week. Please come forward there are many roles to fill – and this needs coordinating. Thank you as always.

NEXT WEEKEND’S READINGS
16th November
(33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C)
Mal 3:19-20; 2 Thess 3:7-12
Luke 21:5 -19

PARISH INFORMATION
Fr Stephen Beale FDP, Parochial Administrator
Parish administrator: Phillippa Chaney, in the office Mon and Fri, 9am-3pm
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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 Monday to Friday rosary 6pm, Mass 6.30pm; **Divine Mercy devotions: Every 1st SUNDAY** SDP Chapel, 2.30pm-3.30pm (23 Lower Teddington Rd, Hampton Wick, KT1 4EU)

Next week’s Mass Intentions

Saturday	8 th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time	09.30 – 11.00 6pm	Adoration / Confession Bob Haig RIP & Catherine Ridler
Sunday	9 th November	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	09.30am 11.15am	Parishioners & Benefactors Parishioners & Benefactors
Monday	10 th November	St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor	9.30am	Special intention
Tuesday	11 th November	St Martin of Tours, Bishop	9.30am	War victims RIP
Wednesday	12 th November	St Josephat, Bishop, Martyr	9.30am	Forshaw family
Thursday	13 th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	Pray for the faithful departed
Friday	14 th November	Weekday in Ordinary Time	09.30am	Brenda de Souza (get well)
Saturday	15 th November	St Albert the Great, Bishop Doctor of the Church	09.30 – 11.00 6pm	Adoration and confession Norah Kelleher int
Sunday	16 th November	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30am 11.15am	Parishioners & Benefactors Madge Woods RIP