



# Sacred Heart Teddington

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## Parish Newsletter



7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PSALTER WEEK II

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

**On that day: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel & might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be the fear of the Lord. [...] with righteousness he shall judge the poor. (Isaiah 11:1-10)** The Lord gave and continues to give the gifts of the Holy Spirit. When we live them they bear fruit of peace, joy, love, goodness etc. During this Advent season let's ask God to fill us with his Spirit that leads us and guides us to improve our lives according to his will and let's try to be better people doing good where we can. Try to go to confession. Brush away the cobwebs. Taste of God's mercy/joy.

**POPE LEO XIV PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER – For Christians in areas of conflict** Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – PRAYER ROTA 14th December** St Michael's Church Rev Ed Kendall

**CHRISTMAS STALL HERE AT CHURCH:** Thank you very much for the lovely donation's that are coming in for our fundraising table. Let's keep going, so we can have a full spread of Christmas treats for people. The table shall be created, and you will be able to give suggested donations through the Dona, or cash in the small tub. We are looking to hold the table for a number of weeks, so please add any homemade edibles for the weekends. Once again, money raised will go 50% towards our school and 50% Church building fund.

**HIRE THE HALL:** If it's for children's birthday parties, Baptism receptions, or a group that you run that you need a larger space for – then please contact Pippa in the office to check availability and pricing.

**ANNUAL APPEAL FOR THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE WORLD MISSIONS: £342.51** raised. We would like to say a very warm thank you for your support and generosity to help the missionary works by the Sons of the Divine Providence in many locations.

**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 lasts around an hour. Pls 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](mailto:info@sacredheart.richmond.sch.uk) to book your place.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION & CONFIRMATION 2026:** Thank you to the families who have come forward to participate in both of these important Sacraments. We shall be in touch with the First Holy Communion families shortly with the dates, times and expectations – so please look out for an email. As regards to Confirmation, those who have signed up need to have a brief meeting with myself to go through things/ answer any question you may have about the journey. Please contact me to arrange or see me after Mass. Thank you.

**ALPHA** Please see posters and handouts advertising January 21<sup>st</sup> next start date. Please listen for announcements and pass on invite cards – especially people of no faith / struggling in the daily journey who seek peace/solace in their lives; contact the office/ask Fr. Stephen or Kym. We will also advertise on our website, and there will be a form available to complete – watch this space.

**UPDATE ON SECOND COLLECTIONS:** It is amazing how our Parish is supporting so many worthy causes, whilst at the same time still contributing to our Church –not only financially but in Prayers and kindness shown in so many ways, and the outreach to need of others.

**Retired Priests Fund: £324.00 The November Altar Dead List: £160.00** -sent to SPUC Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

**CRIB OFFERING 2025:** The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) provides vital support for children and families in our diocese, helping children who are struggling with poverty and deprivation. There are many more vulnerable families in need of support and our parish will be donating our Crib Offering to support the important work. Donate at the Crib or Via the CCS website: [www.cathchild.org.uk/crib](http://www.cathchild.org.uk/crib)

**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 £341.71 Pls consider making a standing order for you 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

**FORTHCOMING SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** suggestions: accommodating Richmond Refugees; Prison Visiting, Street Pastors, The Passage, Assisting Modern Slavery Victims; accommodating individuals and families who are **homeless** due to losing rental accommodation; **Café** set up for local older and needy persons. **Growing in Faith** – spirituality leading to a deeper insight to the Catholic Church and social outreach via Alpha and Youth Alpha. A suggestion to hold a **Quiz Night** in the church hall for the Building Fund. Questions are already prepared. Let's see if we can get this off the ground. We are planning an Appeal during Lent '26 to find ways to better manage our finances and forms of fundraising. y appeal for more help to parishioners through talks during weekend Masses.

**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:** Pope Leo has been our Pontificate for six months now, and though this is such a very small space of time, it is a moment to reflect on his vision and style of the Church. He has shown to be quiet and steady, guiding the Church following on from his Predecessor, whilst “balancing prophecy with prudence”. There appears to be at least six areas he is currently focusing on; Church unity, Championing migrants and the marginalised, Personnel as pastors, Building bridges, Artificial intelligence and Finances of the Vatican. To read more please visit National Catholic Reporter and the CCBEW and Vatican websites. To draw a very small conclusion, Pope Leo is trying to harness the good in people, to embrace, not separate – to work together as humans and not let technology detract from our spiritual soul. Let’s give thanks for the recent visit to Turkey and Lebanon and ask God’s blessing on the bridge building initiatives around the world. Pray for Peace.

**DELIVERY OF CHRISTMAS SERVICE CHRISTMAS CARDS** The annual Teddington Churches Together initiative – done! Thanks all helpers.  
**THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE:** London is holding a Divine Mercy Advent Reflection on Saturday 20 December 2025 from 1 pm to 4:30 pm at St Walburga Catholic Church, 81 Kirkgate, Shipley, Bradford BD18 3LU The Reflection will include the Holy Rosary, teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

**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:** On Monday Mass was celebrated for the Sacred Heart School to mark the start of advent – this is the first one held at Church for a number of years, and there were a lot of smiling little faces looking at the advent wreath and candles. The children are settling into our Church now, which is lovely to witness. Their presence and participation in the liturgies through reading, singing etc is always edifying. We had another wonderful evening with Padre Pio reading group, and this was shared with the Tuesday coffee morning gathering, although I wasn’t there, it was appreciated and reflected on – the theme: cultivation of the soul. I thank everyone who helps in these activities. I helped with First Reconciliation confessions at Francis De Sales and I heard confessions at the Sacred Heart school. There is a lot of movement happening behind the scenes. The Crib shall be displayed in the Sanctuary soon, with the arrival of baby Jesus at a later stage. We still can’t find the Ox and the Mule – so I think this will remain a mystery ... unless we have someone within the Parish to crack the code! Please let us know. As regards to ongoing works – some snagging has taken place, and all the scaffolding has gone from the back garden. Digging has begun in the sacristy. **We hope soon to get the heating on for weekend Masses and events.** We are reaching out to see if we could get a donation of a large Christmas Trees from a couple of local garden centres, so fingers crossed – but if not, we shall go with our little one we already have. **NEW RED CARPET** costs £2,080.00 – a great addition. would anyone like to donate this please? Please see Dona Machine to contribute – many thanks. **Lastly, but most importantly, if you know of any families or individuals who are struggling with the cost of living, then please** contact me as I can offer support with tins from our donated food and/or a food voucher – please don’t feel embarrassed. If we can help, we will do so – either have a chat with me after Mass or send an email through to the office or drop a note through the front door – it is confidential. Do ask.

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS** at St. Francis de Sales, Hampton Hill on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 & 8.30 pm. Sacred Heart parishioners welcome.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES** 24<sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm Christmas Eve Mass especially for families; 9.30pm Christmas Carols followed by 10.00pm Mass; 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day 10.00 a.m. only

**ALPHA** – You’re invited. Unpack the Christian faith. Meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. Alpha is for anyone who’s curious. No judgement, no pressure. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith and purpose, and is designed to spark conversation. Come along and see what you think....

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION December 8<sup>th</sup>** Masses 09.30 & 7.30pm *(SDP Hampton Wick Mass 6pm English; 6.45pm Polish)*

<p><b>NEXT WEEKEND’S READINGS</b>  <b>14<sup>th</sup> December</b>  <b>(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year A)</b></p> <p>Isa 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10  Matt 11:2-11</p>	<p><b>PARISH INFORMATION</b>      <b>Fr Stephen Beale FDP, Parochial Administrator</b>  <i>Parish administrator:</i> Phillippa Chaney, in the office Mon and Fri, 9am-3pm  Parish website (including newsletter: <a href="https://sacredheartteddington.org/">https://sacredheartteddington.org/</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:teddington@rcdow.org.uk">teddington@rcdow.org.uk</a>, Telephone: 020 8977 2986  Bookkeeper: Traci: <a href="mailto:teddingtonbk@rcdow.org.uk">teddingtonbk@rcdow.org.uk</a> In office: Weds 10.30am-2.30pm  <b>Safeguarding: Estella Weston</b> (<a href="mailto:teddingtonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk">teddingtonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk</a>)  <b>Mass times:</b> 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; <b>Divine Mercy devotions: This SUNDAY</b> SDP Chapel, 2.30pm-3.30pm (23 Lower Teddington Rd, Hampton Wick, KT1 4EU)</p>
<b>Next week’s Mass Intentions</b>	

<b>Saturday</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> December	St Nicholas, Bishop	09.30 – 11.00 6pm	Adoration and confession Tom Whelan (sick) & Mary RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> December	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	09.30am 11.15am	Graham Keeley RIP bd anniv Parishioners and benefactors
<b>Monday</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> December	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	09.30 am 7.30 pm	In thanksgiving for baby twins Int Concepcion Arteaga
<b>Tuesday</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> December	St Juan Diego Cuahtlatootzin	9.30am	Special intention
<b>Wednesday</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> December	Our Lady of Loretto	9.30am	Harold Jones RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> December	St Damascus I, Pope	NO MASS	Pray for your Advent journey
<b>Friday</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> December	Our Lady of Guadalupe	09.30am	Russell Cook RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> December	St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr	09.30 – 11.00 6pm	Adoration and confession John and Sarah newly weds
<b>Sunday</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> December	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	09.30am 11.15am	Marie Fitzgerald RIP Parishioners and benefactors