



Parish Newsletter



11TH JANUARY 2026

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

WEEK I

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

[...] God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.' (Acts 10:34-38) Jesus received John's baptism. We receive Jesus' baptism. We receive the same Spirit from God. We are filled with his power and strength. I proposed Sieger Köder's painting "In Unison" and have received a birthday present of this for the parish. It represents Simon of Cyrene helping Jesus to carry the Cross. Reflect and meditate how Jesus helps to carry our cross and how we are called to help others to carry theirs. Jesus, the Word, speaks to us through words and images, situations and events. God the Father sent the Holy Spirit to accompany Jesus' mission. We are accompanied ... what is my/our mission?

POPE LEO XIV PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY – For prayer with the Word of God Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – PRAYER ROTA 11th January Teddington Methodist Church, Rev. David Innes; 18th January Sacred Heart Church, Rev Stephen Beale, 25th NPL Helen McEvoy; 1st February St John's Church Rev Jerry Field

CHRISTMAS STALL AT CHURCH: We have decided to keep the table here until The Presentation of the Lord on Feb 2. There will be a new theme of any unwanted Christmas presents that could be reused for presents at a later date. The team will put price tags on to help guide the sales – Thank you very much for the lovely donations that have come in so far! Please add any homemade edibles for the weekends. A reminder: money raised will go 50% towards our school and 50% Church building fund. Thank you

BRAND NEW BIKE FOR SALE: PLEASE MAKE AN OFFER – kick start the New Year with a lovely bike to help with days out in the fresh (VERY FRESH) air – we haven't received takers at the moment – so please come forward, highest bid will be the owner! Our thanks in advance, to the generous donor.

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.

FUNDRAISING TEAM 2026: We had a wonderful little fundraising team last year, who attended meetings and put forward ideas. We are now looking for someone to take over that lead role, and to move things forward, and come up with new initiatives and see them through. I need to be "indirectly" involved – just more of a sign off to make sure it is ok – but I really need someone to co ordinate please and put a yearly schedule together. Please contact Pippa in the office and a new list will be started! Volunteers from the previous group please let us know if you still wish to be involved. Thank you.

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

DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR MUSIC AND SINGING? Why not join our vibrant M.A.S.H. group and choir that are so uplifting at our Sunday Masses. Full support and welcoming will be given, so please fill our Church with your voices and instrumental talents.

ALPHA Please see posters and handouts advertising **January 21st next start date**. Please listen for announcements and pass on invitation cards – especially people of no faith / struggling in the daily journey who seek peace/solace in their lives. Contact the office or ask Fr. Stephen or Kym. We are now advertising on our website. There will be a form available to complete, watch this space, see website **WE ARE HOSTING HANDELS MESSIAH CONCERT** on Palm Sunday. Further information to follow when details are confirmed.

PARISH FINANCES – Thank you for supporting The Sacred Heart. November S.O. £2,464; Contactless: £172.00; Building Fund Standing Order £793.00; Last Sunday's plate collection £297.39 Pls consider making a standing order for your weekly contribution?

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 – Gift Aid makes a difference. Ask Traci: teddingtonbk@rcdow.org.uk

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 Please remember the church's 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 IS OPEN 8am-6pm with ramp access. Pray in the narthex area which has had a welcome lighting upgrade. During the cold weather please be mindful to **keep heat in**. Leave outside door open slightly and keep inner red door closed. Thanks.

NEW RED CARPET costs £1,980.00 – a great addition. £835 donated so far! Would anyone like to donate? Please see Dona Machine to contribute – many thanks. **SPONSORING ROOFING SLATES** includes remembering loved ones has raised £2,130.00 Thank you

ON-GOING WORKS Pipe Organ repair works have begun. Duration 5-6 weeks. Church **radiator** leak repairs. Insurance have confirmed our claim was unsuccessful as no damage to the building. Quotes are being sought for a speedy resolution. Thames Water Authority are now on site to resolve an on-going situation related to no. 260 ... via access to a **manhole** buried in the parish notice board flower bed!!!

JUBILEE YEAR ENDS On Tuesday, marking the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, Pope Leo XIV presided over Holy Mass in St Peter's Basilica for some 5,800 faithful. At the start of the Mass, the Pope closed the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica, the last of the Holy Doors opened for the Jubilee Year. The gesture marked the end of months in which "a stream of innumerable men and women, pilgrims of hope," crossed the threshold of the Basilica, journeying toward what the Pope described as "the new Jerusalem, the city whose doors are always open." (Vatican press)

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. **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. cancer/dementia prayer group. We are planning an Appeal Lent '26 to find ways to better manage our finances and forms of fundraising. We will be helped to appeal to parishioners for more help through talks during weekend Masses.

18 – 25 JANUARY CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK – diary date - Sacred Heart Teddington will be hosting this year, on Sunday 18th at 4pm. Let's make an especial effort to be present as the Sacred Heart Church and School family to welcome the other members of Churches Together in Teddington. Please join our singers and help to prepare and serve tea/coffee cake/biscuits refreshments.

PAX CHRISTI Second Collection on 18th January Envelopes available. **Sharing the peace of Christ with our world.**

'VISIO DIVINA: PRAYING WITH ART': Fr Patrick van der Vorst Thursday 15th January, 7.30pm-9pm Part of the 'Continuing the Journey' series for new Catholics to feed and deepen their relationship with Christ. Fr Patrick will guide us in using the medium of art to pray. Booking in advance is essential. Please email cataadmin@rcdow.org.uk

WORLD LEPROSY DAY 2026: JBMS Calls for Compassion, Support, and Prayer Sunday 25 January 2026. The John Bradburne Memorial Society (JBMS) is calling on individuals, parishes, and communities to support its mission on World Leprosy Day, to be observed on Sunday 25 January 2026. This annual day of awareness shines a spotlight on the ongoing challenges faced by people affected by leprosy, a neglected tropical disease that continues to impact thousands worldwide. Please see poster for ways to support.

SUPPORT THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE COMMUNITIES: Helping SDP UKRAINE projects. 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)

JOIN OUR PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES travelling overnight by luxury coach from 9 to 14 February 2026. It is always a beautiful and deeply spiritual experience soaking in the Spirit of Jesus as we travel to honour Our Blessed Mother. Leaving Slough and Ealing Broadway on 9 Feb 2026 and departing Lourdes on 13 February for a visit to the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Rue de Bac, Paris on 14 February morning and arriving in London later on 14 February 2026 Full board, exciting festival devotional program, experience the Blessed Sacrament Procession of the Sick, the Candlelight Marian Rosary Procession and the International Mass on the Feast Day followed by Stations, Confessions and Adoration with Hour of Mercy. Travel, full board and program cost £590. More info all Millie on 07957594646

LET'S START THINKING ABOUT THIS YEAR! The Parish Needs YOU!! We URGENTLY need more volunteers to come forward and help with the groups that we are hosting, and also new ventures that we are looking at. Could you help next year with opening and closing the side hall for bookings if you live close by? Wouldn't be week in week out, if we have a small team we can have a rota. Please come forward to join the volunteers who help keep our Church/hall clean and tidy; teas and coffees please come forward and help set up, serve, and to put the items back in the correct place so it is all organised; the list could go on, and it certainly does! My goal this year is to have more time for the Pastoral side of our wider community. I need to be "freed" to a certain extent in order to visit the sick in their homes; there is a suggestion to get together for Saturday or Sunday bring and share lunch in the hall in February (?); and the list grows and grows ...

FOOD BANK BOX Food received is distributed firstly within the parish and surplus is sent to the food bank at St. Michael's Church Fulwell.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

18th January

(2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A)

Isa 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

PARISH INFORMATION

Fr Stephen Beale FDP, Parochial Administrator

Parish administrator: Phillipa 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	10 th January	Weekday after Epiphany	09.30-11am 6pm	Adoration & Confession Timothy Hayes RIP
Sunday	11 th January	The Baptism of the Lord	9.30am 11.15am	Mavis Hatchman (get well) Sean Murphy RIP
Monday	12 th January	St Aelred of Rievaulx, Religious	9.30 am	Special intention
Tuesday	13 th January	St Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	09.30	Graham Wiggill RIP
Wednesday	14 th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30am	Kitty Hosty RIP anniv
Thursday	15 th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass	Joan Fraser int
Friday	16 th January	Weekday in Ordinary Time	09.30am	Parishioners and benefactors
Saturday	17 th January	St Anthony, abbot	09.30-11am 6pm	Adoration & Confession Int. Geoff Way
Sunday	18 th January	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Tommy Tumilty RIP Timothy Hayes RIP