



Parish Newsletter

23RD NOVEMBER 2025

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

PSALTER WEEK II

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his chosen one!' [...] 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' [...] 'This is the King of the Jews.' (Luke 23:35-43) We celebrate Jesus Christ King of the Universe. Why not pick up the Bible and read this passage and sit with it ... live the moment ... Jesus could have saved himself, but his mission, as 'the chosen one,' through his death on a cross was to save humanity, including you and me. Jesus mounted the wood of the Cross. He died. He was pierced in his side with a lance and from there flowed blood and water. Then followed the words "This is the King of the Jews." Jesus is the King of the Universe because he came to save the whole of humanity. Thank you for saving us.

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

HOME PRODUCE STALL: Sacred Heart School Christmas Fair Sunday 7th Dec from 1pm - 4pm. We are lucky to have a small stall at the fair again this year. We are looking for donations that have been hand created that people can use as alternative presents during the festive period. If there are cakes or biscuits - nut free please - let your imagination run free! There is a box at the back for items - and if you can help set up/clear away at the School please let Pippa know in advance and it would be greatly appreciated.

TEDDINGTON LIGHTS UP NOV 27: The Salvation Army cannot bring their band unfortunately, but there will be a choir that is keen to sing, so we welcome anyone to come and join us at 6pm-6.30pm just beyond the end of Cambridge Road. In the High Street There will be music at the King's Head so outside RUBA would be a bit better. Carol sheets would be provided. Any musicians would be warmly welcomed. There is also the Lantern Parade which starts at 4:30 PM on Broad Street, beginning at the corner of Church Road.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON - PRAYER ROTA 30th November Hampton Wick Baptist Church Rev Grantham Wash

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

The Sick & Retired Priests' Fund: Thank you for so generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. Our priests give us years of dedicated service and it is only right that, together, we ensure they live out their days with dignity and the care they need. If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. Envelopes are still available at the back of the church or from the parish office, and you can give online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. You can become a Patron by setting up a regular donation by completing section 4 on the envelope form. Thank you again. Please keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers.

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 think about this Sacrament if your Child/ren are in the current Yr 3 class or above, start date Jan 2026. **CLOSING DATE 7TH DEC** - 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 £322.25 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**

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 loosing 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. Finance: I feel very humbled at the way numbers are growing and how financially generous people are towards the local and wider needs of the church. To help further increase and finds ways to better manage our finances and forms of fundraising we will, probably during Lent '26 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: Cinema is more than a screen; it sets hope in action. Pope Leo welcomes actors, filmmakers, directors, and scriptwriters for an audience in the Vatican, and challenges them to be “witnesses of hope, beauty and truth” in our world today. The Vatican’s Apostolic Palace was filled with actors, actresses, filmmakers, and script writers on Saturday morning as Pope Leo XIV met with members of the World of Cinema. Nearly 130 years after the first film premiered in Paris in 1895, the Pope highlighted the ongoing importance of film. Moving from impressing audiences with visual effects, cinema became “an expression of the desire to contemplate and understand life, to recount its greatness and fragility and to portray the longing for infinity.” Pope Leo expressed his gratitude for what cinema represents: “a popular art in the noblest sense, intended for and accessible to all.” More than just entertainment, films offer a narrative into people’s spiritual journey. This, he argued, is cinema’s greatest contribution to humanity. It helps “audiences consider their own lives, look at the complexity of their experiences with new eyes and examine the world as if for the first time.” This introspection encourages people to rediscover part of the hope essential for a person to live life to the fullest. Pope Leo affirmed that cinema is more than just moving pictures, because “it sets hope in motion.” Art opens us up to what is possible, he said. Beauty is not an escape from reality, but a call. “When cinema is authentic, it does not merely console, but challenges,” explained the Pope. Cinema helps us reflect on the questions deep within our hearts. In the Jubilee Year, we are invited to move towards hope and the presence of so many artists from around the world is an example of this hope. Reflecting on the Church’s appreciation for the work of actors, directors, writers, and filmmakers, Pope Leo expressed his desire to renew the friendship between the Church and cinema. – Vatican News

WOULD YOU HAVE THE TIME TO DELIVER 50 OR 100 CHRISTMAS SERVICE CARDS? Each year Teddington Churches Together produce a Christmas card giving all the church services at Christmas. If you can help to deliver, please contact John on 07503 584532. Thank you.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Bishop Nicholas Hudson on the 29th Nov as the installation of Bishop of Plymouth – may we all wish him well.

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE ADVENT SERVICE AND RECEPTION: Monday 1st December, 7:00pm – Farm Street Church, W1K 3AH

As we begin our preparations for Advent and reflect on the Holy Family’s flight into exile, join the Jesuit Refugee Service for an evening of carols and a special performance by their refugee music group.

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)

ALPHA Please see posters and handouts advertising January 21st 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.

CHURCH LIFE: So, following on from last week: the roofer - still to replace a couple of damaged slates, and fit shoes for the downpipes.

What a nice surprise with a new red carpet in place for this weekend. Finding the leak and repair work in the sacristy starts Wednesday.

There are lots of activities that are coming up in the build up to Christmas – Advent starts next week. Please keep reading the newsletter as there are always reminders for you (and me!). Thank you for those who represented us at the Westminster Cathedral for the celebration of the Pilgrims walk – congratulations for everyone. The Poppy’s have come down now, but there is still a small display to adorn our remembrance basket for our loved ones. Finally, the Church is a way off from turning the heating on due to the works needed in the Sacristy, please dress accordingly; Church doors closed-to to retain as much heat as possible, hopefully things will be starting next week – so more packing up and unpacking!

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

30th November

(1st Sunday of Advent, Year A)

Isa 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14

Matt 24:37-44

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/>

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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:** Every 1st SUNDAY SDP Chapel, 2.30pm-3.30pm (23 Lower Teddington Rd, Hampton Wick, KT1 4EU)

Next week's Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | 22 nd November | St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr | 09.30 – 11.00 6pm | Adoration and confession Liz Belcher (get well) |
| Sunday | 23 rd November | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | 09.30am 11.15am | Parishioners & Benefactors Tina Franz birthday int |
| Monday | 24 th November | Ss Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs | 9.30am | Special intention |
| Tuesday | 25 th November | St Catherine of Alexandria | 9.30am | Alwyn de Souza RIP anniv |
| Wednesday | 26 th November | Weekday in Ordinary Time | 9.30am | Maureen Joyce |
| Thursday | 27 th November | Weekday in Ordinary Time | NO MASS | Pray the rosary for World Peace |
| Friday | 28 th November | Weekday in Ordinary Time | 09.30am | Kelleher Family int |
| Saturday | 29 th November | Weekday in Ordinary Time | 09.30 – 11.00 6pm | Adoration and confession Kelleher Family RIP |
| Sunday | 30 th November | 1 st Sunday of Advent | 09.30am 11.15am | William Houston RIP bd anniv Holy Souls |