



Sacred Heart Teddington

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Parish Newsletter



1ST MARCH 2026

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

WEEK II

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

[...] a voice from the cloud and said 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' (Matt 17:1-9) Lent is about giving more of our time in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Fruits will be borne, coming closer to God and we to him. For this we have to let go of old ways of sin and vices; to dedicate more time to prayer, whatever that means for us. Our prayer can be vocal or silent – the opening of our minds and hearts to God ... We may use Scripture or spiritual writings to help us. Whichever method we choose, the Lord will speak to us through the power and working of the Holy Spirit. Are we ready? Lord what do you want of me???

POPE LEO XIV PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH – For disarmament and peace Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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

CHURCH LIFE: It has been a warmer week weather wise, the evenings are brighter, and people are feeling a sense of relief that the dark days are coming to a close. We had another wonderful congregation attendance last weekend. Let's hope it continues. The children in our Sacrament group are fast approaching their special day to attend their First Reconciliation – please continue to prayer for them and their families. Pray for our Confirmation candidates too! At the back of the Church, there are two printed Litanies – 1. Humility and 2. Trust – please take a photo if you wish and use as a meditation. **PADRE PIO DAY** was wonderful! **SACRISTY:** Furniture is back in place and the parquet floor made good. Thanks Nigel Carpenter. **DAMAGED SLATES** on the upper roof have been replaced. Did you see cherry picker? **CHURCH HALL HEATING – GOOD NEWS** At a cost of £3,350.00 the hall heating system has been upgraded. We notice an improvement. **NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING** – The next evening will take place in May time – TBC

ALPHA 2026: Week 5: Why and how do I pray? Please pray for attendees that they may benefit from the evening.

If you have not been able to join this time round, please keep an eye for our next Sacred Heart Teddington Alpha – expected Autumn '26!

RCIA: If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, please come forward. We will give you some initial guidance and support. We are taking names for the next RCIA course that is expected to start in September. Candidates please attend Mass & get to know parishioners.

RCIA CATECHISTS NEEDED There will be an opportunity to observe an RCIA course in progress and so train to be RCIA catechists here.

EASTER CANDIDATES FOR RECEPTION Next week there will be the scrutanies in preparation for the Big Day. We will be introducing the candidates at the weekend Masses. Please pray for candidates being prepared for Easter Reception – thanks Sr. Kathleen Murphy.

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. (Saturdays, if available, can currently work 11.30am – 3.30pm)

NEXT SECOND COLLECTION: Holy Places (Good Friday) Collection 3 April. Bottom of this newsletter, see p.2 **Friends of the Holy Land**

CAFOD THE BIG LENT WALK Walk 200km in 40 days for life-saving water. See poster or google 'The Big Lent Walk. Good walking.

WE ARE HOSTING HANDELS MESSIAH CONCERT 29 March - Palm Sunday. Further information to follow when details are confirmed.

PARISH FINANCES – Thank you for supporting The Sacred Heart. January S.O. £2,484; Contactless: £204.00; Building Fund Standing Order £735.00; Last Sunday's plate collection £319.62 Please 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

THE LENTEN PLANNED-GIVING DRIVE Starts this weekend. It will be presented over a three-week period starting 28 Feb / 1 March. Lord help and inspire the parish preparation and help each one to support in the way they can, with generosity and from the heart.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL NURSERY Sacred Heart Nursery has places for up to 26 children aged 3-4 years. Why not come along to our Nursery Stay and Play Sessions or take a tour during February and March. Applications are now open for September 2026, January 2027 intake. Sacred Heart School Nursery offers an excellent teacher-led Early Years provision.

SACRED HEART CHURCH IS OPEN 8am-6pm with side ramp access. Please come and Pray in the narthex area. During the cold weather please be mindful to **keep heat in**. Leave outside door open slightly and keep inner red door closed. Thanks.

Sons of Divine Providence weekday Mass: Rosary 6.30pm; Mass 6.50pm: free on-the-street car parking after 6.30pm

ARCHBISHOP RICHARD MOTH'S THANK YOU – TO EVERYONE for their prayers and warm welcome on his Installation on 14 February. Last weekend he met nearly 800 candidates for the Rite of Election from more than 100 churches around the Diocese of Westminster. It was a wonderful occasion in which there was a great sense of faith and communion. On Thursday Archbishop Moth met clergy, education and lay faithful as a first encounter of his attentive listening before discerning the way forward as he takes up the helm of leadership.

ARCHBISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL: As we continue our journey through Lent, thank you to everyone who has already supported the Lenten Appeal. The priorities of the appeal touch the lives of parishioners every day: families seeking support, young people shaping their future, individuals facing difficult circumstances, and parishes responding with care and compassion. This special Appeal provides a meaningful way for people to contribute to our shared work. I invite you to pray, to reflect, and to give as you are able, so that together we may continue this vital work of faith, hope, and love across our diocese. www.rcdow.org.uk/LentenAppeal

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Registration for this year's Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (17 – 24 July 2026) is now open. Secure your spot by visiting the booking platform here: <https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk/>

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – PRAYER ROTA 1st March Salvation Army Majors Maria Konti-Galinou & Polis Pantelidis; 8th March Teddington Memorial Hospital Emma Hughes; 15th March Hampton Wick Baptist Church Rev Grantham Wash;

THE SUNFLOWER CAFE is a welcoming drop-in session for families of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND) – please see printed poster at the back of the Church.

REFUGEES WELCOME IN RICHMOND (RWINR) is a Charity that seeks to welcome and support refugees who are seeking sanctuary in the Borough. We befriend the refugees and help them navigate the bureaucracy [...] But the main problem most refugees have is to find secure, safe and suitable housing. See posters in the hall for further info of how to help. Thank you for showing your support to Alistar who came in to talk about the Charity to help Refugees in our area – it takes courage to stand up in front of so many new faces; we wish him well.

LENTEN GROUP MEETINGS: Starts Tuesday morning 24 February 10.00 after Mass. Please join us. (*Not Wednesday evenings due to Alpha*)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Walk with Jesus and let he with you. Here after Mass **10.00 Wednesdays of Lent & Fridays 6.30pm Don Orione.**

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JUSTICE & PEACE LECTURE 2026: The second annual Justice and Peace Lecture which will be given by Charles Wookey, formerly CEO of Blueprint for Business, and for the last three decades advisor on social and ethical issues to archbishops of Westminster and at the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. He will speak on the topic 'Living out Catholic Social Teaching in Today's Britain'. A response will be given by the young scholar Dr Charles Bury of the University of Manchester. The lecture will take place at Farm Street Church of the Immaculate Conception, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH, on March 25th 2026 at 7pm. Access to the church is from Farm Street or Mount Street. After the lecture in the church all are invited to a buffet reception in the Arrupe Hall. All are welcome. If you would like to attend please reply to justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk by March 1st 2026.

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) *I have checked and this contact and method of transfer is still working.*

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.

Dementia family Ministry Prayer for 12-19 March 2026 see Redemptorist Publications www.rpbooks.co.uk Tel: 01420 88222

DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS – Adults £1.00 each; Children – infants and juniors ... FREE copies for the children. **Parents please take them.**

HOLY LAND APPEAL for help please <https://5xgf8.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/mk/cl/f/sh/SMK1E8tHeFuB1b5dvKoseDERlaC3/tFcSFUn-m1n>

AGENCY FOR EVANGELISATION Audios for the Lenten resource are now available online, thanks to the efficient Diocesan

Communications department: <https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/mission-and-discipleship/small-communities/>

Faith Sharing groups may now **hear, as you read** through the <https://soundcloud.com/diocese-westminster/sets/lent-2026-resources>

STABAT MATER CONCERT: Westminster Cathedral Concert on Wednesday 18 March at 6.45pm. The Cathedral Choir and the Britten Sinfonia will perform a concert of reflection on the ancient Marian hymn. Please see poster or visit Cathedral website.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

8th March

(3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A)

Exod 17: 3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

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/>)

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Safeguarding: Estella Weston (teddingtonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

Mass times: Sunday: 09.30/11.15am; Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.30am at Sacred Heart or at Sons of Divine

Providence Monday to Friday rosary 6.30pm, Mass 6.50pm; **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	28 th February	St Gregory of Narek, Abbot Doctor of the Church	09.30-11am 6pm	Adoration and Confession Bernadette Dandy 94 th birthday
Sunday	1 st March	2 nd Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners and benefactors Fr. Simon Bishop SJ RIP
1st Monday	2 nd March	Weekday of Lent / Padre Pio reading group	09.30 7pm-9pm	Special intention
Tuesday	3 rd March	Weekday of Lent	09.30	Joan Fraser RIP
Wednesday	4 th March	St Casimir	09.30	Gemma Miller RIP
Thursday	5 th March	Weekday of Lent	<i>Mass 6.50pm at Don Orione/SDP</i>	Maria Knauth RIP
1st Friday	6 th March	Weekday of Lent	09.30am	<i>Donor's intention</i>
1st Saturday	7 th March	Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs	09.30-11am 6pm	Prayer only in the narthex <i>Donor's intention</i>
Sunday	8 th March	3 rd Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners and benefactors Patrick O'Neill RIP