



Sacred Heart Teddington

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Parish Newsletter



29TH MARCH 2026

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

WEEK II

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

[...] I was not rebellious; I turned not backwards. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord God helps me; [...] (Isaiah 50:4-7) The school holidays begin ... it's Holy Week. The Sacred Heart school children prepared and delivered some lovely episodes from Palm Sunday, The Last Supper and Good Friday. Scenes of preparation, emotions, loving care and service, betrayal, suffering and death. Belief and unbelief, faith and no faith... The suffering servant did not turn away – he faced the situation head-on. Jesus did the same, in loving obedience to his Father and for love of us. Jesus fell. He was helped up. Reflect, ask what that means for us. Will I help the suffering with love? God reaches out to us with love...

POPE LEO XIV PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL – For priests in crisis Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND NEW PARISHIONERS. Make yourselves known: as a parish, we wish to make you feel welcome!

OUR FIRST EASTER IN OUR CHURCH IS UPON US – please take the little leaflet I have made for you with dates and times for the week.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS: Something different this year! We are asking for flower donations to adorn our Sanctuary and beyond if we can. Please donate flowers of your choice, either potted or cut and then we can make them into a beautiful display. By doing this we are bringing everyone's contributions together and making a Sacred Heart Community display. We shall leave buckets of water in the Narthex area so you can bring in and drop off by Good Friday. No lilies please as we are aware that a child is allergic to them: thanks

POLISH TRADITION OF BLESSING OF FOOD: Holy Saturday 4th April This will take place half hourly, 11.00, 11.30, 12.00 & 12.30 at the [Sons of Divine Providence Chapel](#), 23 Lower Teddington Road, Hampton Wick, KT1 4EU

SDP POLISH COMMUNITY: HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE CHAPEL, HAMPTON WICK

Holy Thursday Mass 6:45 pm and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:30 pm; **Good Friday Liturgy 6:00 pm**; Holy Saturday Blessing of Easter foods (please see above); **Liturgy of Holy Saturday and Mass at 6:00 pm**; **Easter Sunday - Mass 11:00 am.**

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA: Whilst we love the children playing, please could we encourage quieter time during Mass. We struggle with the microphones sometimes vs good acoustics, and we are all there for Prayer and Spiritual well-being for everyone –thank you kindly.

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING: The next preparation evening will take place in May – TBC

BIKE FOR SALE: We have received a **FIRST OFFER** for the donated bike **£150** – would anyone else like to offer another amount? Please email Pippa in the office or speak with Fr. Stephen – let's see how much we can raise! Thank you. The money is for the Building Fund.

ALPHA 2026: Please spread the word for candidates that may wish to join us later in the year – scan the code and details will be saved.

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.

EASTER CANDIDATES FOR RECEPTION at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for them. Thanks Sr. Kathleen Murphy for preparing them.

NEXT SECOND COLLECTION: Holy Places (Good Friday) Collection 3 April. Bottom of this newsletter, see p.2 **Friends of the Holy Land UP & COMING SECOND COLLECTION:** Priest Training Fund 26th April (**Vocations Sunday/World Day of Prayer for Vocations**)

PARISH FINANCES – Thank you for supporting The Sacred Heart. February S.O. £2,479; Contactless: £505.00; Building Fund Standing Order £685.00; Last Sunday's plate collection £262.88 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 For 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 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 daily 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 main door and ramp door open slightly. Keep inner red doors closed. Thanks.

PADRE PIO READING GROUP 6 April will be on-line zoom only. See parish notice board or contact Jacinta on 07859998309

SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE WEEKDAY MASS: Rosary 6.30pm; Mass 6.50pm; free 'on-the-street' car parking after 6.30pm

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 12 APRIL – DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS at SDP 23 Lower Teddington Road KT1 4EU, 2.30pm-3.30pm

WISHING EACH ONE A BLESSED HOLY WEEK walking with Christ. Allow him to walk with you & to share your suffering and struggles.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON at The Triangle: THE PROCESSIONS OF WITNESS - GOOD FRIDAY: 3 April 2026 The PROCESSIONS OF WITNESS will move off 1a) at 10.00 a.m. from St Francis de Sales to walk along Princes Road and Stanley Road to meet. b) at 10.10 a.m. from the junction of Wilcox Road and Stanley Road along Stanley Road. 2a) **09.45 from St. Mark's** for 10.00 a.m. departure from St Mary with St Alban. The two processions will join up on 'the green triangle' opposite the Hospital for The UNITED SERVICE at 10.30 a.m. and representatives of various local congregations will contribute to it. The VIGIL will be maintained at the foot of the Cross from the end of the service until 3.00 p.m. Congregations are asked to be responsible for keeping a continuing vigil in silence as follows: 11.00 - 11.30 St Mary with St Alban. 11.30 to 12.00 St Francis de Sales. 12.00 to 12.30 Teddington Baptist Church. 12.30 to 1.00 Salvation Army. 1.00 to 1.30 St Mark's, St Michael's Fulwell. **1.30 to 2.00 Sacred Heart.** 2.00 to 2.30 Methodist Church, St John's Hampton Wick. 2.30 to 3.00 Methodist Church. Please keep the vigil in SILENCE. Representatives are asked to encourage members of their congregations to make this a corporate act of witness for Christ, and to remind them that they can join / leave the vigil at any time between the end of the service & 3p.m. **WINTERSHALL PASSION OF JESUS GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3RD** Trafalgar Square Free performances at 12pm and 3.15pm. A dramatic presentation of the Passion of Jesus which should not be missed. Get there early to get the best views in Trafalgar Square. Come prepared to sit on the ground in whatever the weather may be. You won't regret witnessing this extraordinary event. For those who cannot get to the Square it is also livestreamed: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/event/the-passion-of-jesus-2026/>

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: donate in church until 2 April or via www.rcdow.org.uk/LentenAppeal

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)

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/>

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.

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.

HOLY LAND APPEAL for help please <https://5xgf8.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/mk/cl/f/sh/SMK1E8tHeFuBlb5dvKoseDERlaC3/tFcCsFUUn-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> <https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F00638BCD835BA6?did=50off> Password: **WCSBDO**. The performance will begin with Sir James MacMillan in conversation with Fr Patrick van der Vorst, our Precentor and Founder of [Christian Art](http://ChristianArt.com) website.

GREETINGS FROM SHALOM MEDIA Shalom World has prepared this year for families in our diocese, parishes and around the world. We have created a Lenten Page filled with 400+ hand-picked programs — inspiring talks, music, children's stories, heartwarming shows, and reflections for all ages. Completely free for everyone. Shalom world UK promo: https://youtu.be/RF3_aJc2NUc Shalom World lent page shalomworld.org/lent For children (age 6-12) shalomworld.org/lenten-kit

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

**5th April
(Easter Sunday, Year A)**

Act 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

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

Next week's Mass Intentions

Saturday	28 th March	Weekday of Lent	09.30-11am 6pm	Adoration and confession Catenian R&T Circle Prov. 19
Sunday	29 th March	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9.30am 11.15am	Matthew Reilly RIP 35 th anniv Parishioners and benefactors
Monday	30 th March	Monday in Holy Week	09.30am	Special intention
Tuesday	31 st March	Tuesday in Holy Week ChrisM Mass Cathedral	09.30am 12 noon	Pope Leo & +Richard Moth For all priests
Wednesday	1 st April	Wednesday of Holy Week	09.30	Int Danny Miller & Gemma RIP
Thursday	2 nd April	Maundy Thursday	8.00pm	<i>For inspiration to love and to serve</i>
Friday	3 rd April	Good Friday	3.00pm 6pm	THE LORD'S PASSION <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday	4 th April	Holy Saturday	09.30-11am 7.30pm	Silent prayer around the Pieta Int. all a part of Fr. Stephen's life
Sunday	5 th April	Easter Sunday	10am only	Parishioners and benefactors
Monday	6 th April	Easter Monday	10.00am	David Penrice RIP anniv