



Sacred Heart Teddington

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Parish Newsletter



8TH MARCH 2026 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT WEEK 2 PLANNED GIVING; WEEK ONE OF SCRUTINIES; WEEK III

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

A woman from Samaria [...] Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' [...] 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?' Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water'. [...] Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again [...] it will well up to eternal life'. We become clean in the waters of baptism. Original sin is washed away. Our faith journey began. What is the water to quench our thirst? Surely the pursuit of goodness and holiness through scriptures, sacraments and loving service (mission.) Lord, lead me to eternal life...
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: Last weekend I felt and saw a big shift in a very positive way. Not only did we start our first week planned giving drive, which focused on our call to stewardship, and to really promote what it takes to run this Parish, but also our first set of First Confessions of the young children took place, and the second part of the group will receive their Sacrament this Sunday. This is all a first since being back in the main Church, and I can say that we have definitely settled back in now. I thought that after all the renovation work, we would be able to unpack and get on with things; little did I realise that nearly a year on, we would still be doing major works and repairs. I thank everyone for their help and patience as always. I am hoping that soon we will be able to put all upheaval behind us, and really focus on the call of duty, to look to a positive future where things can grow even more. As I said the seeds have been planted and now they are producing seedlings that need to be nurtured into strong little plants. We are now entering the third week of Lent, keep in your mind and heart what truly matters to you, and if you have fallen, don't worry, pick yourself up and try again, that is what we all have to do at some time. When we confess our sins, it is easy to reflect on things that happen day to day, but sometimes we struggle with worry and upset, of what we think we have failed at – these are things that we can give up to the Lord and ask for forgiveness – set yourself free. At the back of the Church, there are two printed Litanies – 1. Humility and 2. Trust – please take a screenshot if you wish and use as it a meditation.

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 preparation evening will take place in May time – TBC

ALPHA 2026: Week 6: Why and how do I read the Bible? 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 This week there will be the scrutinies 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**

HOSTING HANDELS MESSIAH CONCERT Palm Sunday. The organisers have cancelled this event due to too many commitments.

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 £414.86 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

THE LENTEN PLANNED-GIVING DRIVE Week 2 this weekend. Being presented over a three-week. Week 3 will be 16/17 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 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.

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

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

A DAY WITH MARY is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 14 March 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

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 8th March Teddington Memorial Hospital Emma Hughes; **15th March** Hamptor Wick Baptist Church Rev Grantham Wash; **22nd March** Christ Church Rev Dominic Stockford; **29th March** St. Michael's Church Rev Kendall

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.

LENTEN GROUP MEETINGS: theme: **BAPTISM** on Tuesday mornings 10.00 after Mass. Interesting modules & discussions. Please join us.

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

HOLY LAND APPEAL for help please https://5xgf8.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/mk/cl/f/sh/SMK1E8tHeFuB1b5dvKoseDERlaC3/tFCcSFUn_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: As part of a Lenten devotion, on **Wednesday 18 March at 6.45pm in WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL**, the Cathedral Choir and the Britten Sinfonia will perform a concert of reflection on the ancient Marian hymn, contemplating the sorrow of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross: **MacMillan's Stabat Mater**, and Vaughan Williams' *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis*. As a way of encouraging parishes across the diocese to benefit from this spiritual preparation to the Holy Week, the Cathedral offers an opportunity to buy tickets at a discount of **50%**. Discounted tickets are available in Sections A, B and N at the following link:

<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 website.

MARCH 12 1940: Don Luigi Orione passed away. He left a legacy of loving service to the poor and the needy - it continues via parish work.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

8th March

(4th Sunday of Lent, Year A)

1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14
John 9:1-4

PARISH INFORMATION

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Parish administrator: Phillippa 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: 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: Every first SUNDAY SDP Chapel, 2.30pm-3.30pm (23 Lower Teddington Rd, Hampton Wick, KT1 4EU)**

Next week's Mass Intentions

1st Saturday	7 th March	Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs	09.30-11am 6pm	Prayer only in the narthex Maurizio Fiorentini (sick)
Sunday	8 th March	3 rd Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.15am	Adam Walczak RIP Patrick O'Neill RIP
Monday	9 th March	Weekday of Lent St Frances of Rome, Religious	09.30	Special intention
Tuesday	10 th March	Weekday of Lent	09.30	Parishioners and benefactors
Wednesday	11 th March	Weekday of Lent	09.30	Sean Murphy RIP (bd anniv)
Thursday	12 th March	Weekday of Lent	<i>Mass 6.50pm at Don Orione/SDP</i>	Special intention MF (<i>today is the anniversary of death of Don Orione</i>)
Friday	13 th March	Weekday of Lent	09.30am	<i>Donor's intention</i>
Saturday	14 th March	Weekday of Lent	09.30-11am 6pm	Adoration and confession <i>Donor's intention</i>
Sunday	15 th March	3 rd Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners and benefactors <i>Donor's intention</i>