



Sacred Heart Teddington

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Parish Newsletter



12TH APRIL 2026

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – PRAY FOR PEACE

WEEK II

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

On the evening of the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them ‘Peace be with you.’ When he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. [...] (John 20:19-31) Jesus came to bring us peace – peace for us and for our world. This week there was a distraught situation – I spoke of the struggle corner and the Pieta statue as places to pray and to draw comfort and strength. Jesus came to help us in our times of fear, worry, disbelief and doubt. He came to shed light on our darkneses and he came to reassure us ‘I am with you always, until the end of time.’ Lord give us the strength and grace we need, Lord help our unbelief. Pray, pray.

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

HAPPY EASTER SACRED HEART PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS: The first week of Eastertide has already flown by! What an amazing week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Parishioners pulled out all the stops to prepare the church, from cleaning to providing and arranging flowers, to preparing the Easter garden under the altar. Not forgetting time and energy in practising music and hymns. The liturgies all went very well, assisted by the altar servers, readers, eucharistic ministers. Thanks to hospitality on entry to church and to those preparing the altar, and collectors. Thanks for distributing hymn books and leaflets etc., etc.

We saw a near 100% increased attendance on Easter Sunday with at least 206. The atmosphere, faith, joy and enthusiasm has been incredible. We welcomed regular parishioners, visitors and less regulars. Four adults were received into the church on Saturday night in a two-hour long service comprising blessing of the fire and sung Exultet; liturgy of the word reflecting history of the church with Old and New Testament readings; Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Little Thomas also made his FHC with his brothers.

We wish to share the sad news that our bookkeeper Traci is leaving at the end of April due to retiring with her husband. We wish to thank Traci for her fidelity, keen and efficient work. Traci will be missed but we are confident that the diocese already has a trained-in replacement who understands the particular methodology required. We look forward to the incumbent joining our team: myself, Pippa, the Parish Finance Committee & to serve the parish as required. Traci has raised the bar in her four years at Teddington. Thanks Traci!

There are open days for the ‘Gardens’ at Hampton Court Palace on these dates – make a note and pack a picnic (no need to book tickets for the gardens!) 9th & 10th May, 12th & 13th Sept, 10th & 11th Oct, 21st & 22nd November and 26th December (Wilderness Garden only).

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 GOING ON eBAY: We have decided that after only one offer on the lovely bike – we shall try and see if we can raise more through eBay – please could someone help Pippa do this? Please have a chat with her – thank you.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION: Holy Places (Good Friday) Collection 3 April - thank you for your wonderful kindness. Amount raised £316.00.

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; Thank you for your Easter gifts handed to Fr. Stephen at last Sunday’s plate collection and separately. Please consider making a standing order for your weekly contribution? We will send £150.00 to Cardinal’s Lent Appeal and £38.00 to Missio.

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 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.

NEXT PADRE PIO READING GROUP will be on May 4th starting with Mass. 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

POLITE REMINDER FOR ALL: For security reasons, may I ask that all depart promptly from the church after weekday Masses – please continue to pray in Narthex area – thanks for your understanding in this matter.

POPE LEO [Pope: The threat against the entire Iranian people is unacceptable - Vatican News](#) Speaking from the loggia of St Peter's, Pope Leo XIV on Easter Sunday said "I invite everyone to join me in a prayer vigil for peace that we will celebrate here in Saint Peter's Square next Saturday, April 11," he said. "On this day of celebration, let us abandon every desire for conflict, domination, and power, and implore the Lord to grant his peace to a world ravaged by wars and marked by a hatred and indifference that make us feel powerless in the face of evil. Leo XIV continued: "The power with which Christ rose is entirely nonviolent. It is like that of a grain of wheat which, having rotted in the earth, grows, breaks through the clods, sprouts, and becomes a golden ear of wheat. It is even more like that of a human heart which, wounded by an offence, rejects the instinct for revenge and filled with compassion, prays for the one who has committed the offence. "Brothers and sisters, this is the true strength that brings peace to humanity, because it fosters respectful relationships at every level: among individuals, families, social groups, and nations. It does not seek private interests, but the common good", he added.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON Following the visits from Kingston Street Pastors and Richmond asking for accommodation for refugees, we will ask for some feedback with the intention to generate further interest. Prayer rota: 12 April Rev David Cloake St. Mary's.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: From relationships that are 'Just in a Rut', needing some refreshment or more serious issues - If you are open to try again - Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2026 at 2:30pm. Archbishop Richard is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email (telephone number, if no email).

SUNDAY MAY 17TH - A PILGRIM WALK TO TYBURN! Come and honour the memory of the martyrs who died at London's grim execution site in the 16th and 17th centuries. Meet 1.30pm churchyard of St Giles-in-the-Fields. Nearest tube: Tottenham Court Road.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20S AND 30S) - DISCERNING GOD'S CALL IN YOUR LIFE: 15th - 17th May, Liverpool.

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to live alongside the religious community and to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more info contact Sr Lynne fcj at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org To register: <https://bit.ly/Vocation2026>

'ST BENEDICT'S SCHOOL, EALING: Is pleased to introduce the Exceptional Talent Humanities Pathway Scholarship for Sixth Form entry in September 2026. This new scholarship is designed for academically ambitious students currently attending maintained schools who are predicted to achieve the highest GCSE grades (typically 8-9). It offers the opportunity to join our high-achieving Catholic Sixth Form and pursue a programme of Humanities A levels supported by structured academic enrichment and preparation for university study. The Pathway is available to students wishing to study one or more of the following A level subjects: Philosophy, Ethics and Religion; English Literature; Medieval and Early Modern History; Classical Civilisation; Latin; French, Spanish or German; and Music. Means-tested bursaries will be available for families who qualify. Families interested in learning more about the ETHPS are warmly invited to contact Mrs Helen Ridard, Head of Admissions at St Benedict's School, at admissions@stbenedicts.org.uk for further information about the application process.

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)

THE SUNFLOWER CAFÉ: 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: In the church - thanks for your kind donations. We recently supported a family with the food bank items collected and gave some Tesco vouchers. By the St. Anthony statue there is a box for food and clothing donations for Teddington families in need. With this money we will buy Tesco vouchers for food and clothing. We also gave a list of organisations helping with electric bills etc.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
19th April
(3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A)

Act 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pet 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

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/>)

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 Sunday devotions: today/12 Apr SDP Chapel, 2.30pm-3.30pm (23 Lower Teddington Rd, Hampton Wick, KT1 4EU)

Next week's Mass Intentions

Saturday	11 th April	Easter Saturday	09.30-11am 6.00 pm	Confession & Adoration Peter Sigamoney RIP
Sunday	12 th April	2 nd Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners and benefactors Brian Andrews RIP
Monday	13 th April	St Martin I, Pope Martyr	10.00am	Special intention
Tuesday	14 th April	Weekday of Easter	09.30am	Cilia Jones RIP anniv
Wednesday	15 th April	Weekday of Easter	09.30am	Guy Travers (funeral today)
Thursday	16 th April	Weekday of Easter	No Mass	Int Susan and Alan Mines
Friday	17 th April	Weekday of Easter	09.30am	Marie Glynn RIP
Saturday	18 th April	Weekday of Easter	09.30-11am 6.00 pm	Confession & Adoration Philip Hartney RIP anniv
Sunday	19 th April	3 rd Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners and benefactors Int Marie and Jean Blanc