



Sacred Heart Teddington

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Parish Newsletter



26TH APRIL 2026

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GOOD SHEPHERD / VOCATIONS SUNDAY

WEEK IV

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

Beloved: if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. [...] Christ suffered for us. He himself bore our sins [...] By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (1Peter 2:20b-25) Our suffering may be physical, mental, spiritual or emotional. Christ the Good Shepherd cares for us, whatever our suffering may be. He cares for our soul, and we in turn care for others and the wellbeing of their souls. This is 'love in action.' Don Orione wrote prolifically "Souls, souls, souls" but he also lived it striving through his priestly ministry, through the encounter of souls to be at one with them in their present state of being. Let's pray for more vocations to do this.

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

A WARM WELCOME TO THE SACRED HEART CHURCH - Come and enjoy our Masses and be part of our community, we welcome you warmly. If you have any questions, feel free to speak to our Parishioners or myself after Mass. Please be advised that for security reasons for our team members, we ask that all depart promptly from the Church after weekday Masses - as the Narthex area usually remains open until 6pm, please continue to pray if you wish - thanking you for your understanding in this matter.

Saturday and Sunday we arrange for the tea and coffee to be served in the side hall - so please take this opportunity to gather together.

CHURCH LIFE: Thank you to all who have offered their help and support in the volunteering section of the planned giving drive - Pippa will gather the information and pass it on to the relevant team leaders. We shall give support for those in a new role, so please do ask - for example if you need the Mass readings the week before to practice, we can supply this. **Diary dates:** 1 May Confirmation at St. Francis de Sales; 16 May First Holy Communion here at Sacred Heart Church. Friday 12 June Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Sunday 14 June we propose to celebrate Mass at 10.30a.m. only, in thanksgiving for one year since we reopened, and for all who received the Sacraments during the year, followed by a 'bring and share' reception in the hall. How about a nice little spread We can go outside if the weather is good. Thinking caps on!? Let Pippa know your thoughts! This needs time, and time is passing very quickly!

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 & clothing. We also have a list of organisations to help with bills etc.

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 on the 4th June at 7pm - 8.30pm. Please email Pippa teddington@rcdow.org.uk if you would like to attend. Godparents to attend as well please.

ALPHA 2026: Please spread the word for candidates that may wish to join the next group. Pls see details at the back of Church.

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: This Sunday: Priest Training Fund 26th April (*Vocations Sunday/World Day of Prayer for Vocations*)

PRIEST TRAINING FUND - THIS WEEKEND: There will be a second collection for the Priest Training Fund. It plays a crucial role in supporting men who are discerning and preparing for the priesthood. Their formation includes academic study, spiritual development, and pastoral training, all of which are essential for their future ministry. Reflecting Christ as the Good Shepherd, we are reminded that He continues to call shepherds for His Church today. Please keep our seminarians and those considering this calling in your prayers.

PARISH FINANCES - Thank you for supporting The Sacred Heart. March S.O. £3,339.00; Contactless: £364.00; Building Fund Standing Order £893.00; Last Sunday's plate collection £330.30 Please consider making a standing order for your weekly contribution? We sent £150.00 to Cardinal's Lent Appeal and £38.00 to Missio. Collection box at St. Anthony: SDP missions; Missio; Teddington needy.

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.

UK PRAYS will be saying a public rosary to place the UK under the protection of Our Lady, on **Saturday May 2nd at 12.00 noon** at the Lion Gate, Hampton Court Palace, Hampton Court Road, KT8 9DD. This is a quiet side gate opposite Bushy Park. Do not go to the main palace entrance. See link for transport and parking <https://www.hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace/visit/getting-here/>

POPE LEO XIV Vatican News For day-to-day news including the current visit to Africa, <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city.html>

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)

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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – PRAYER ROTA: 3rd May Sacred Heart Church Rev Stephen Beale; 10th May National Physical Laboratory Christian Fellowship Helen McEvoy; 17th May St John's Church Rev Jerry Field; 24th May Teddington Baptist Church.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10-16 May 2026 This year's Christian Aid Week focuses on the intense urban poverty in Nairobi which is robbing mothers of the ability to protect their children from hunger as they live with this precarious and frightening daily struggle. The amount raised by our annual collections in Teddington and Hampton Week has fallen. We would like to reverse that trend. To donate see posters: a general/70K Challenge to raise funds for Christian Aid. Details at: <https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/challenge-2026/andrews-may-challenge>

GRADUATE COURSES - Institutum Liturgicum (IL) 2026: Our summer schools at the Benedictine Institute, Ealing, offer a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the study of Liturgy, Syriac, Biblical Hebrew, and Latin, guided by exceptional tutors within a vibrant and supportive academic community. Rooted in tradition yet alive to contemporary practice, these courses are especially enriching for those engaged in the visual and devotional arts. Please see the form at the back of the Church for further details or email: il@liturgyinstitute.org

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. Organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See.' 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. Contact Sr Lynne fcj at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org To register: <https://bit.ly/Vocation2026>

A DAY WITH MARY PILGRIMAGES: This coming year - Pilgrimage to Fatima (8 July to 15 July 2026) Closing date 28 April 2026 Pilgrimage to Italy (1 September to 10 September 2026) Closing date 23 June 2026 Further info is available at www.adaywithmary.org/

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.

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

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.*

REBECCA DIAPER 100TH BIRTHDAY Thursday 7 May. Initial arrangements: Mass here 5.00pm followed by buffet reception in the hall.

FAREWELL TRACI and many blessings for a long, happy and fruitful retirement. Thanks for your hard and committed work the last 4 years. Be assured of the parishioners appreciation of your keeping the books in order and bringing them up to the standard the diocese requires.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
3rd May
(5th Sunday of Easter, Year A)
Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9 John 14:1-12

Next week's Mass Intentions

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

Saturday	25 th April	St Mark, Evangelist	09.30-11am 6.00 pm	Confession & Adoration Denis George Burrows RIP anniv
Sunday	26 th April	4 th Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners and benefactors Marie Finch RIP
Monday	27 th April	Weekday of Easter	9.30am	Special intention
Tuesday	28 th April	St Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr; St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, Priest	09.30am	William Shepherd RIP
Wednesday	29 th April	St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe	09.30am	Int Traci & Richard Blundell for a happy, blessed, fruitful retirement
Thursday	30 th April	St Pius V, Religious	No Mass	Pray rosary: world peace/justice
1st Friday	1 st May	St Joseph the Worker	09.30am	Phyllis Weston RIP anniv
1st Saturday	2 nd May	St Athanasius, Bishop Doctor of the Church	09.30-11am 6.00 pm	Confession & Adoration John & Vera Metcalf RIP
Sunday	3 rd May	5 th Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.15am	Joseph Garingarao RIP John Gallop RIP