



# Sacred Heart Teddington

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## Parish Newsletter



10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026

6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

WEEK II

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

**'I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.'** (John 14:15-21). And so, out of love, the word of God was heard by the Apostles. They sent James and John, prayed for them, and they in turn laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. The baptised, including us are all enabled to receive and impart the Holy Spirit. We learn this at Alpha. Let us pray that the voice and powerful action of the Holy Spirit may move us ...

**POPE LEO XIV PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY – That everyone might have food** Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

### 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. Join us for tea/coffee/chatting after weekend Masses. Please depart promptly from the Church after weekday Masses – the Narthex area remains open for prayer until 6pm.

**CHURCH LIFE: THANKS TO FUNDING FROM THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITIES GRANT RECEIVED**, work has now begun on the hall upgrade. We can expect upheaval for the next 6 weeks but we will try to keep this to a minimum. Please bear with us. Refreshments may need to be reinstated in the Narthex for the time being, but see how things pan out. I thank you for your patience and understanding. There is a huge momentum gathering speed in Church... lots of excitement for Sacraments and the happiness and joy of the Church being fully reopen for a year - we are blessed. **EXAMS ARE HERE AGAIN** We pray for all the students and teachers who are about to embark on examinations - from SATS in various years, GCSEs and A levels and beyond - to give strength to families and loved ones - to lend support and encourage harnessing faith when the road feels a little rocky. Padre Pio: pray, hope & don't worry  
**DIARY DATES:** 16 May **First Holy Communion** here at Sacred Heart Church. **Parish Feast Day weekend celebration:** Friday 12 June Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – Masses 09.30 and 7.30pm; Saturday Adoration and confession 09.30-11.00 Come and pray as a family. Mass 6.00pm; Sunday 14 June one Mass only at 10.00a.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' tea/coffee, Prosecco, biscuits, cakes reception in the hall. We look forward to a nice little spread. We can go outside if the weather is good. Let Pippa know your thoughts and offers of help!

**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 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm – 8.30pm. Please email Pippa [teddington@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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.

**THANK YOU:** Priest Training Fund 26<sup>th</sup> April (**Vocations Sunday/World Day of Prayer for Vocations**) So far received: £263.00

**UP & COMING SECOND COLLECTION:** Catholic Communications Network 17<sup>th</sup> May **NEXT SUNDAY**

**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 £327.60 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 Juste: [teddingtonbk@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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.

**SACRED HEART ANNUAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2025** is now available. See the notice board and take away a copy if you wish.

**NEW PARISH BOOKKEEPER:** Juste Kava settled in well this week... Juste works Tuesday and should be available 10.30am – 2.30pm.

**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](mailto: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.

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

**ANNIVERSARY OF PONTIFICATE:** Pope Leo XIV marked his first year in office on Friday, May 8. Please remember him daily in your prayers.

**ARCHBISHOP RICHARD MOTH** [Archbishop Moth prioritises mission in post-plenary press conference - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

**CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES** The National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse, took place on 5 May, the fifth Tuesday of Easter. We are encouraged to particularly pray for those who have suffered from the scourge of domestic abuse, which causes pain and fear that prevents its victims from living the life Jesus came to bring. Resources for this day are available here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/https://rcdow.org.uk/news/national-day-of-prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse/> Additionally, this Saturday 9 May at Westminster Cathedral, Archbishop Richard presided at a service of healing and hope. All who have been affected by abuse were warmly invited, along with those who accompany & support them. For more info, visit: <https://rcdow.org.uk/event/service-of-healing-and-hope/>

**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:** 10th May National Physical Laboratory Christian Fellowship Helen McEvoy; 17th May St John's Church Rev Jerry Field; 24th May Teddington Baptist Church Rev. Johnathan Findlater; 31<sup>st</sup> May Sons of Divine Providence

**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>

**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](http://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.

**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/](http://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.

**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 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY Thursday 7 May.** Mass 5.00pm was celebrated by her son Fr. Paul who highlighted her devotion for St. Terese of Lisieux Rebecca went on pilgrimage every year for 40 years from 1971 accompanied by Fr. Joseph Farrell. Mass followed by a lovely buffet reception in the hall. It was our opportunity to offer the best birthday possible for Rebecca ... Celebration of Holy Mass with her family & friends. Congratulations & prayers Rebecca from all at Sacred Heart. Congratulations Richard Attenborough 100<sup>th</sup>, one day later!!!

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS**  
**10<sup>th</sup> May**  
**(17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year A)**

Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pet 4:13-16;  
 John 17:1-11

**PARISH INFORMATION** **Fr Stephen Beale FDP, Parochial Administrator**

*Parish administrator:* Phillippa Chaney, in the office Mon and Fri, 9am-3pm

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*Bookkeeper:* Juste: [teddingtonbk@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:teddingtonbk@rcdow.org.uk) In office: Tuesdays 10.30am-2.30pm

**Safeguarding: Estella Weston** ([teddingtonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto: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:** every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday SDP Chapel, 2.30pm-3.30pm (23 Lower Teddington Rd, Hampton Wick, KT1

**Next week's Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekday of Easter	09.30-11am 6.00 pm	Confession & Adoration Int Catherine Ridler
<b>Sunday</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> May	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.15am	Int Parishioners and benefactors Int Jeanne Franz
<b>Monday</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekday of Easter	09.30am	Special intention
<b>Tuesday</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> May	Ss Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St Pancras, Martyr	09.30am	Del Mary Spooner (get well)
<b>Wednesday</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> May	Our Lady of Fatima	09.30am	Roland Caphanc RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> May	The Ascension of the Lord	09.30am 7.30pm	Brenda DeSouza (get well) Pope Leo – peace and justice
<b>Friday</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekday of Easter	09.30am	Liz Lisac (get well)
<b>Saturday</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> May	Feast Day of St. Luigi Orione	09.30-11am 12 noon 6.00 pm	Confession & Adoration First Holy Communion Mass SDP: Int. FODO family & friends
<b>Sunday</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> May	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.15am	Int Parishioners and benefactors Int Nora Kellegher