



# Sacred Heart Teddington

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## Parish Newsletter



3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2026

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

WEEK I

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

[...] But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. (1Peter 2:4-9) Today (Saturday), we celebrated a baptism and this is what we learnt – that Jesus loves us and he wants us wholly for himself. Having been washed clean in baptism he wants us to remain clean, without sin and darkness, and to let his light shine from within, and radiating light outwards to all. A news item told how an 8 year old boy helped his dad to calm a distressed passenger. An 8 year old girl living with cancer is surely an example of faith and courage. Pray for our young parishioners that they may be Christ for those they meet, spreading hope, peace, love and joy to all.

**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. Please be advised that for security reasons, and for our team members, we ask that all depart promptly from the Church after weekday Masses – the Narthex area usually remains open until 6pm, please continue to pray if you wish – thanking you for your understanding in this matter. After the Masses on Saturday and Sunday, we arrange for tea and coffee to be served in the side hall – so please take this opportunity to gather together.

**CHURCH LIFE:** Congratulations to our candidates for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday evening. There was a large gathering as four Parishes joined this year at FDS, The Sacred Heart, St Margarets, Whitton – we thank Fr. Shaun for accommodating us again, and for all his hard work as well as the Catechists who supported each week with the preparation. It was a wonderful celebration!

**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

**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 £276.35 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](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.

**PARISH BOOKKEEPERS: BYE** to Traci who says "Thank you so much for the touching send-off. I received so many messages, cards, flowers, treats and gifts yesterday it was a little overwhelming. Thank you all so much. Sacred Heart is a very special place".

**WELCOME** Juste Kava who starts as the new bookkeeper from next Tuesday.

**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.

**NEXT PADRE PIO READING GROUP** will be on May 4<sup>th</sup> starting with Mass. See parish notice board or contact Jacinta on 07859998309

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR VERY GENEROUS RESPONSE TO THE PLANNED GIVING DRIVE** that we ran in March. We now have the results from the diocese and the new and increased Standing Orders that we have received should increase our offertory by about 50%. We also received many new offers of volunteering support for parish activities. This is a remarkable result and supports our vision "to lead people to Jesus. Shine as a beacon of light from our church into Teddington and beyond" and our objectives: To nurture our faith in our parish community; To safeguard the financial future of our parish; To maintain and enhance our parish property. Over the next couple of weeks, we will contact and brief new volunteers and identify where we have any remaining gaps.

**POPE LEO XIV Vatican News** For day-to-day news including his recent 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> May Sacred Heart Church Fr. 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>

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>TH</sup> - 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](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://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/](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 followed by buffet reception in the hall. It's our opportunity to offer the best birthday possible for Rebecca ... Celebration of Holy Mass with family & friends. Congratulations & prayers from all at Sacred Heart.

#### NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

10<sup>th</sup> May

(6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year A)

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3:15-18;  
John 14:15-21

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

#### Next week's Mass Intentions

1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	St Athanasius, Bishop Doctor of the Church	09.30-11am 6.00 pm	Confession & Adoration John & Vera Metcalf RIP
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.15am	Joseph Garingarao RIP John Gallop RIP
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> May	The English Martyrs	10.00am	Special intention
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekday of Easter	09.30am	Annie Franz birthday int
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekday of Easter	09.30am	Cathy Davis RIP anniv
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekday of Easter	5pm	Rebecca Diaper 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekday of Easter	09.30am	Int Chanelle
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekday of Easter	09.30-11am 6.00 pm	Confession & Adoration Int Catherine Ridler
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> May	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.15am	Int Parishioners and benefactors Int Jeanne Franz