



Sacred Heart Teddington

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Parish Newsletter



5TH APRIL 2026 EASTER SUNDAY - THE LORD HAS RISEN ALLELUIA – HAPPY EASTER TO ALL -WEEK I

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

I invite everyone to stop and reflect on their favourite passage / scene of scriptures of the past week including the Easter liturgies. I wish to apologise for not writing a proper Easter Greeting. Time has run out on me! However let's rejoice together that the parish numbers are growing. We are welcoming new people and old faces. There is a buzz in the parish and we are achieving our aim to be a beacon of light from our end of Teddington. We embrace all ages and many nationalities. We have completed Alpha 2. Both have been successful. We were blessed with the visit of Cardinal Vincent Nichols before his retirement and we welcomed Bishop Jim Curry at an Advent Mass. The Parish Planned Giving Drive has been successful and will continue to be, financially and in terms of volunteering and prayer. Thank you.

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: From myself, Traci, Pippa and Parish Finance Committee -very happy and Holy Easter. Thanks to everyone in the parish who contributed to many the many physical elements and the liturgies something extra special, including music and singing, altar servers, cleaning, providing plants and beautiful flowers and arranging them. This made all feel very welcome. We have travelled with the Lord over the last 6 weeks; and the Lord travels with us each and every day: have faith in that. We have followed the path of The Resurrection - Jesus rose from the dead, overcoming death and sin, making it the cornerstone of our Catholic faith. The Sacrifice and Redemption, this highlights Jesus's death on the Cross (Good Friday) as a sacrifice for humanity's sins, providing a path to spiritual restoration of Hope and New Life. We are aware of many situations where people struggle with the pressures of daily. We have remembered them in a special way. The resurrection signifies new life and hope for believers, both now and eternally. Finally, Holy Week, which concluded the period of fasting and reflection (Lent) with a joyous celebration of life.

So let's focus on that, the Joys of life - the evenings are lighter now, take time to look at nature, the flowers coming into bloom. There is that sense of coming out the darkness and being able to open our eyes and think clearly. Think of one thing you can do for yourself each day/week to nurture your wellbeing - sit in the park for 10 minutes, have a cup of tea in your garden and watch the plants as they flourish, learn something new - read and create - write and reflect - cook something different. Whatever it is - give it a go!

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 kindness. Amount raised to be announced.

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; Last Sunday's plate collection £424.00 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

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.

PADRE PIO READING GROUP 6 April will be on-line zoom only. 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 (please note toilet facilities are not available outside of Mass times or when the hall is closed) - thanks for your understanding in this matter.

POPE LEO has been giving a catechesis on Lumen Gentium at the weekly General Audiences. See you tube, Vatican Website or EWTN. **ARCHBISHOP RICHARD MOTH** welcomed the clergy of the Archdiocese of Westminster for the annual Chrism Mass where the oils are blessed for the coming year, for use of the anointing of the sick, baptism, confirmation and holy orders. It was the prime opportunity for the clergy and people to gather around their Bishops. Pope Leo & +Richard Moth highlight the important role of the clergy in pastoral life. **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON at The Triangle:** Thanks to those who attended giving witness to the Christian faith and praying in silence as individual Christian churches within Teddington and Hampton Wick. We walked from Sacred Heart church to St. Mark's church and on to St. Mary's and St. Albans and then through the High Street and Broad Street in time for 10.30am. As always there was a nice gathering, prayer and song around the Cross and each church community took their half hour in silent prayer. As One Church, more than ever praying together for God's mercy, peace and love to permeate our war torn and broken world.

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).

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD PRIORY: Saturday 11 April led by Marian Fathers as a Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday. The coach will leave Ealing Broadway station at 7.30 am and depart from Aylesford at 5 pm. Pls call Millie on WhatsApp 07957594646 if you would like to join us. Thank you

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 Exceptional Talent Humanities Pathway Scholarship 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)

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/>

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: PLEASE COME FORWARD WE HAVE A FEW ITEMS TO SHARE! Contact Fr. Stephen or send an email to the office

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
12th April
(2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A
Divine Mercy Sunday)

PARISH INFORMATION Fr Stephen Beale FDP, Parochial Administrator
Parish administrator: Phillippa Chaney, in the office Mon and Fri, 9am-3pm
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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

1 st Saturday	4 th April	Holy Saturday	09.30-11am 7.30pm	Silent prayer around the Pietà Int. all a part of Fr. Stephen's life
Sunday	5 th April	Easter Sunday	10am only	Parishioners and benefactors
Monday	6 th April	Easter Monday	10.00am	David Penrice RIP anniv
Tuesday	7 th April	Easter Tuesday	09.30am	Special intention
Wednesday	8 th April	Easter Wednesday	09.30am	John (sick) & Paul Curtis int
Thursday	9 th April	Easter Thursday	No Mass	Peter Hull RIP
Friday	10 th April	Easter Friday	09.30am	Fr. Martin Mroz fdp b'day int
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