



Sacred Heart Teddington

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Parish Newsletter



28TH JUNE 2026

SS PETER AND PAUL APOSTLES

WEEK I

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

Jesus asked [...] 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' They said 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' [...] 'But who do you say I am?' (Matthew 16: 13-19) Simon Peter replied that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God and Jesus said how blessed is Peter because Jesus' Father in heaven has revealed this to him. Then he told Simon Peter, 'You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.' Jesus gave the keys of the kingdom to Peter and his successors. Don Orione had a special love for the Pope (Vicar of Christ). SDP priests and brothers make a fourth vow, for life, of 'special faithfulness to the pope.' Let's all pray we may be faithful to the church and to the pope, its earthly leader.

POPE LEO XIV PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY – For respect for human life Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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 NEWS: Well the week has been hot hot hoooot! Even the coolness of the Church has seemed rather warm. I hope you have managed to get some rest – it has been really very hard. Things are being dusted and put in their place from the shifting of the decorating. But there is still a way to go – so if you can lend a hand to dust that would be great! Just a reminder about the Padre Pio groups that are still continuing, and also ALPHA – please keep ALPHA in mind for the next sign up. I have been thinking about the 'Divine Renovation' book that I read, and I feel that more could be shared with you, and give more time to explain. The website www.divinerenovation.org has a lot of useful information and Pod casts to listen to – there is also a break down of things from within the book that we can discuss further. It is really very interesting, and makes a lot of sense that can be reflected on the position that we are currently in. It's a journey together. Please see on the notice board, or on-line, my homily / message of 13/14 June, and reflect/digest. Let's have a think and we can revisit – moving from maintenance to mission; being truly a beacon of light, reaching out to others. The intention will be to choose some parish leaders and to receive input and training from Divine Renovation as well as from the Diocese of Westminster evangelisation team. Gradually the picture will unfold. Let's pray and chat on how to journey as Missionaries.

PLANNED GIVING DIRECT DEBITS: It has come to light that some parishioners have not had their very kind monthly donations processed by the bank regarding the payment date. Please may I be so bold as to ask you check the status of your direct debits and if it hasn't been processed to contact Juste on the bookkeeper email ... renewed thanks for your generosity and sorry for inconvenience.

SUNDAY'S 11.15AM CHOIR NEEDS YOU: We sing weekly at the 11.15 am Sunday Mass. Twice monthly and on special days we sing parts of the Mass in Latin, along with a motet or chant. Why not join us? It's a free and easy way to build music and language skills - no experience needed. All ages welcome (children come with a parent) See John & Binny / 07940 167274 binnyandjohn@btinternet.com

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA: We love the children presence: **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.

ALPHA 2026: Please spread the word for candidates that may wish to join the next group. Pls see details at the back of Church. **Living Waters** is a weekly Wednesday follow up to Alpha, deepening our faith & love for God by listening to the Word of God and his Holy Spirit. We listened to a talk on Gifts of the Holy Spirit and then did an exercise to discover our God given gifts. Action: Identify gifts: help others. The exercise can be done alone or as a group. Let's accept the challenge for all parishioners to the questionnaire. You'll be amazed. Try it!

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.

NEXT SECOND COLLECTION: Peter's Pence 28th June. **This weekend!** **UP & COMING COLLECTION** Stella Maris 12th July

PARISH FINANCES – Thank you for supporting The Sacred Heart. May S.O. £4,257; Contactless: £303.00; Building Fund Standing Order £890.00; Last Sunday's plate collection £274.30 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

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 hot weather please be mindful to **keep heat out**. Leave outside main door and ramp door open slightly. Keep inner red doors closed. Thanks.

POPE LEO XIV: The Pope at Angelus tells Christians to respond to hatred with love. Pope Leo XIV urges Christians to root their mission in personal encounter and contemplation, drawing strength from an intimate relationship with Christ to witness to the Gospel with hope, love, and perseverance in every circumstance.

NINETY YEARS OF THE RED BOX: MISSIO AND THE MILL HILL MISSIONARIES' UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP. Through the Red Box, Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries have built churches, presbyteries, convents, schools, children's homes, health centres and dispensaries. They have trained local priests, sisters and catechists, and contributed to thousands of projects that have helped the Church grow in service to those in great need. As Pope Leo XIV calls us to live ever more fully as one family of God, we are united in our mission to reveal Jesus, whose love has the power to heal and transform our world. Please take a copy of Mission Today, at the back of the Church.

ASSISTED DYING RETURNS TO PARLIAMENT AS MP URGES PEERS TO 'FINISH THE JOB': Do Protect Life – please contact your local MP
VOLUNTEER FAIR: Join Caritas Westminster for our annual Fair, bringing together charities and community organisations from across London & Herts Saturday 4 July 2026; 3-5pm, Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, SW1P 1QW Discover volunteering opportunities, and find out how you can put your time and talents into action to support others!

THREE-DAY CATECHISTS' COURSE, AUTUMN 2026: In September and October the Catechesis Support team will be running a three-day course for catechists in Vaughan House, Westminster. This course will take place over three Saturdays (12 and 26 September & 17 October), from 10am-4pm (4.30pm on the 17th October), and catechists do need to come to all three days as we shall be covering different material each day. The course is free and open to all current and prospective catechists in the diocese, however new or experienced they might be. Please bring a packed lunch. We ask that all attendees book in advance to say that they will attend all three days. More information and the booking form can be found by visiting <https://rcdow.org.uk/catechists-course/> **see poster at the back to scan QR code**

FREE WILL & GRACE: 28 - 31 August 2026. Join us for a theological and philosophical deep dive on one of the great themes of the Christian Faith: human freedom and Divine grace. With lectures and workshops building on St Thomas Aquinas' writings will questions of conscience & the problem of evil. This year's guest speaker Rev. Dr Simon Gaine, OP. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/free-will-grace-course/>

DANGERS OF THE RIVERS: The RNLi's Matt All church says: "Please be aware of the dangers of jumping into the River Thames during the hot weather and share this information widely! ⚠️ Cold water shock ⚠️ Hidden objects ⚠️ Boats that may not see you.

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: 28th June Hampton Wick Baptist Church Rev Grantham Wash; 5th July Christ Church Rev Dominic Stockford; 12th July St. Michael's Church rev Ed Kendall;

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

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.*

ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA (1568-1591) His father wished him to be a soldier, but Aloysius wanted to give his life for Christ as missionary. Age 16, he joined the Jesuits as a novice, keeping the rigid life of service he had already been living. A plague broke out in Rome in 1591. Aloysius worked in the Jesuit hospital. He caught the plague and died, at midnight on 20th June, age 23 with the name of Jesus on his lips. Fr. Luigi Orione celebrated Mass at 12noon in the Jesuit church Rome every year 21 June in honour of Aloysius Gonzaga. SDP still keep the tradition.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
5th July
(14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A)

 Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13
 Matt 11:25-30

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: Juste: teddingtonbk@rcdow.org.uk In office: Tuesdays 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: every 1st Sunday SDP Chapel, 2.30pm-3.30pm (23 Lower Teddington Rd, Hampton Wick, KT1 4EU)

Next week's Mass Intentions

Saturday	27 th June	St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	09.30-11.00 6pm	Holy Hour and confessions Bob Haig RIP
Sunday	28 th June	Ss Peter and Paul Apostles	09.30am 11.15am	Parishioners and benefactors Dennis Carey RIP anniv
Monday	29 th June	Weekday in Ordinary Time	09.30am	Special intention
Tuesday	30 th June	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church	09.30am	Anjali & Family
Wednesday	1 st July	St Oliver Plunket, Bishop, Martyr	09.30am	Caroline O'Keefe
Thursday	2 nd July	Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass	William & Edward Congrats med exams
Friday	3 rd July	St Thomas, Apostle	09.30am	Tyler RIP and family intentions
Saturday	4 th July	St Elizabeth of Portugal	09.30-11.00 6pm	Holy Hour and confessions Int Moira Ellison
Sunday	5 th July	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30am 11.15am	Parishioners and benefactors Marie and Jean Blanc