



# Sacred Heart Teddington

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## Parish Newsletter



7TH JUNE 2026

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

WEEK II

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

For 40 years, God tested the people in the desert (*he gave them manna to eat*) [...] man does not live on bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of God. (Deut 8:2-3, 14b-16a) Jesus said to the Jews, 'I am the living bread come down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' (John 6:51-58) I went away for 5 days because I was given a book I could not put down. "I 'ate' 342 pages and I have been filled and well satisfied. The title 'Divine Renovation' is recommended to clergy & others in ministry. It's a not-quick-fix pastoral care resource. I recognise several things our parish already do and others we can do: breathing in God's Word and letting the Spirit / Light guide us ...

**POPE LEO XIV PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE - For the values of sport** Let us pray that sport may be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

### 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.

The hall is progressing well with the redecoration - thank you for your patience and help moving things out and back in again!

Thank you also for individuals and families who have signed up for support on the celebration day - there is still time - see below:

**\*IMPORTANT\* SACRED HEART FEAST DAY** We have 1 week until our YEAR'S CELEBRATION of being reopened: **SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 10AM JOINT THANKSGIVING MASS** - Please contact 'Joan' on: [joandowner@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:joandowner@hotmail.co.uk) or tel. 02089776703 to lend your support either helping to set up and clear away. Pls donate finger bite savouries. Bring cakes early before Mass so helpers can cut them. All welcome + 6pm Saturday. Give numbers for the joint Mass so we can cater properly - please check your diaries & sign-up with Joan.

**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](mailto:binnyandjohn@btinternet.com)

**DIARY DATES: 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 Joan know your thoughts and offers of help - see above for contact details!

**MASS FOR MATRIMONY 2026:** What a very splendid gathering! 480 couples from 122 parishes and all the deaneries registered.

There were 50 couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries, and 14 who were marking both 60 years and beyond - amazing!

**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.

**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:** Day for Life 21<sup>st</sup> June.

**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 £227.36 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.

**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 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 Vatican News : Pope Leo at Rosary:** Even in times of conflict, peace is possible. To close the Marian month, Pope Leo XIV prayed, at 6pm UK time, a Rosary for peace at the Grotto of Lourdes in the Vatican Gardens, urging everyone worldwide to make the daily commitment to achieve peace, which is “possible when we choose to listen to the cry of those deprived of it.”

**ARCHBISHOP RICHARD MOTH: Welcomes Pope Leo’s first encyclical Magnifica humanitas** “One of the first interventions of Pope Leo since he was elected Pope was to draw attention to the profound challenges AI will bring to humanity. It is worth noting that Pope Leo signed the encyclical on 15 May, the 135th anniversary of the publication of Pope Leo XIII’s encyclical Rerum novarum. This encyclical considered the social and economic effects of the industrial revolution and is considered the foundation of Catholic social teaching, promoting workers’ rights and emphasising the rights and duties of both workers and owners. The Church’s social teaching in the years since Rerum novarum contains a great deal to help us in our seeking of the common good. At every age, humanity lives with changes and the development of AI calls us to think about the opportunities and challenges it brings. We must respond to these, placing the centrality of humanity above all else, most especially the solidarity that is needed if we are to seek peace amongst peoples. We are made in the image of God and must never forget that we have a responsibility to one another, especially the most vulnerable. Pope Leo reminds us that ‘more powerful does not necessarily mean better.’ The technologies that have been created through human skill should be used at the service of truly human ends. Technology must not be used to embed unjust economic systems and abuses of power, but must always be at the service of human development. “I commend the encyclical to all Catholics and people of good will as an important contribution to integral human development during a time of considerable change. It demands study and we look forward to further reflections in this area. Recognising the importance of maintaining and promoting the human in the face of the technological leap brought on by AI, the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales has set up a working group to study Pope Leo’s Encyclical looking at the issues generated by AI, always putting the human at the centre.”

**SR. SILVANA RSCJ FROM CARITAS WESTMINSTER** has written, with best wishes: Dear Fathers and colleagues, As you will know, **there has been a lot of interest in Pope Leo’s new encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas**, and I’m sure some of you might want to encourage parishioners to read and discuss it. In case you haven’t seen this, the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has produced resources to support personal reading, and group reflection and discussion. The ‘pastoral kit’ also offers activities for children and young people. It’s all available via this link - <https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/magnifica-humanitas/risorse/kit-pastorale.html>

**DANGERS OF THE RIVERS: The RNLI’s Matt Allchurch 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:** 7<sup>th</sup> June St Mark’s Church Rev Thomas Simpson; 14<sup>th</sup> June Salvation Army Majors Maria Konti-Galinou & Polis Pantelidis; 21<sup>st</sup> June Teddington Memorial Hospital Emma Hughes; 28<sup>th</sup> June Hampton Wick Baptist Church Rev Grantham Wash; 5<sup>th</sup> July Christ Church Rev Dominic Stockford; 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.*

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READINGS**  
**14<sup>th</sup> June**  
**(11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year A)**  
 Exod 19: 2-6; Rom 5:6-11  
 Matt 9:36-10:8

**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: 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>	6 <sup>th</sup> June	Saturday memorial of the BVM	09.30-11.00 6pm	<b>No Holy Hour or confessions</b> Intention parishioners & benefactors
<b>Sunday</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> June	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	09.30 am 11.15am	Simon Read RIP Mary Kellegher (get well)
<b>Monday</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> June	10 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	09.30am	Tom Diaper RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> June	St Ephrem, Deacon, Doctor of the Church St Columba, abbot	09.30am	John Tilley RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> June	10 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	09.30am	Ronald Ford RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> June	St Barnabas, Apostle	No Mass	Pray the rosary for world peace
<b>Friday</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> June	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	09.30am 7.30pm	Steve Jones RIP Intention parishioners & benefactors
<b>Saturday</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> June	Immaculate Heart of Mary	09.30-11.00 6pm	Holy Hour and confessions Thanksgiving: people skills & service
<b>Sunday</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Celebrating 1 year: church re-opening</b>	<b>10.00 am only</b>	Maria Tonolli (& sick parishioners)