



Sacred Heart Teddington

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Parish Newsletter



12TH JULY 2026

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEK III

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

Jesus [...] sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered around him, so he got into a boat and sat down. He told them many things saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path [...] Other seeds fell on rocky ground [...] Other seeds fell among the thorns [...] Other seeds fell on good soil [...]'. 'He who has ears let him hear.' (Matt. 13: 1-9) Jesus speaks to us of our spiritual life and of how we welcome or not his Word. He wants us to hear his word and to welcome it and transform it into good fruits, representing the goodness within us, reaching out to others. The goodness cultivates our souls. We are speaking of Intimacy. Sit in silence with Jesus. Let him gaze at you. Gaze back at him. Does it feel good or is it difficult? Talk to him, let him talk to you, **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. **NARTHEX NEW OPENING TIMES:** Weekdays: Mon, Tues & Fri – Narthex open for Prayer 8am – 10am and 3pm-6pm. Weds & Thurs 8am-6pm. Weekends as normal. Thank you!

CHURCH NEWS: I was delighted to visit Nursery, Reception and Year 1 on Wednesday and sorry not to get to the Year 6 Robin Hood production. We look forward to seeing the whole school for the end of term Mass. The reason for the visit was to have a questions and answers session about church and parish life, the life of a priest, prayer and getting to know more about Jesus. It was an opportunity to bring a heart shaped balloon and the shamrock image to speak of God's love for us all. Please pray for Year 6 moving on to new schools. Many thanks to the group of volunteers who on Wednesday dusted and put away the items in the back of the hall – greatly appreciated! The new **gutters in the side alleyway** have been fitted. They are wider and will hopefully stop the flooding outside / raining in through the corridor windows. **IN-TO-ME-SEE (INTIMACY)** – this is the thought for the Summer holiday period – let yourselves be open to the Lord – allow him into your hearts and minds – open the door of your hearts and allow God to see deep inside and allow yourself to look deep within. The Intimacy allows development of a personal one to one relationship with God/Jesus with the help of the Holy Spirit.

DONATIONS FOR UPGRADE OF SOUND SYSTEM: I am always asking extra donations. This time for the sound system – the cost was far more than expected – around £1,850, due to travel costs from Somerset, parts + VAT. We are blest to find the original installer, as other companies won't tamper with original works. An upside is that finally the loop & sound system will work for the foreseeable future.

PLANNED GIVING DIRECT DEBITS: Juste is now back in the office on Tuesdays. She is following up to see if new / changed direct debits, following the planned giving drive, have been actioned by the individuals' bank. Please would you check the status of your direct debits and if it hasn't been processed do contact Juste on the bookkeeper email. Renewed thanks for your generosity. Sorry any 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

PADRE PIO MONDAY READING GROUP August no reading group. **11TH & 12TH JULY** We welcome PRIESTS AND LAY ASSOCIATES FROM THE SERVANTS OF THE SUFFERING AFFILIATED TO PADRE PIO here at the weekend Masses and leading a retreat for ages 18-35.

ALPHA 2026: Starts Wednesday 30 September. Please spread the word for candidates and helpers who may wish to join the next group.

Alpha in a Catholic context: Alpha creates a space for all – the hopeful, the doubtful, the committed, and the questioning. Alpha helps people to discover and develop a relationship with Jesus and enter into the life and mission of the Church. We will soon invite some parishioners to give their personal witness / experience of how Alpha has changed their lives. We invite all adults in the parish to attend Alpha. Interested? Curious? Sceptical? Take the plunge, drop in and bring a friend or two. Alpha: another way to 'bind us together in love'

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.

UP & COMING COLLECTION: Stella Maris TODAY. Peter's Pence 28th June – £219.18 raised – thank you for your generosity.

PARISH FINANCES – Thank you for supporting The Sacred Heart. June S.O. £4,222.00; Contactless: £183.00; Building Fund Standing Order £907.00; Last Sunday's plate collection £299.29 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

SAINT OF THE DAY - 11TH AND 12TH JULY: *Sts. Rufina and Secunda, Martyrs on the via Cornelia* - lived in the 3rd century. They were engaged to be married, but their fiancés renounced Christ for fear of the persecutions. Rufina and Secunda then took vows of virginity. Enraged, their former fiancés denounced them as Christians. They were martyred around the year 260.

ST. BENEDICT, ABBOT, PATRON OF EUROPE The thought of St. Benedict is the lifeblood of Europe. Born in the central Italian mountain town of Norcia (Nursia) around AD 480, St. Benedict became one of the most important catalysts for the creation of a new European culture after the fall of the Roman Empire in the West (traditionally dated to AD 476). The system of monastic life he developed and nourished spread centres of prayer and hospitality throughout the continent. Benedictine monasteries were not only spiritual and cultural centres, but also a source of sustenance and relief for pilgrims and the poor.

EMERGENCY HELP FOR VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS: Please see www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/donate/support-venezuela/ or www.donorione.org/dona-ora The Sons of Divine Providence- we have two communities in Venezuela – please also GOOGLE other websites asking for help – Red cross and UNICEF are among many to choose from. Pray for affected individuals, families and relief workers.

ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER RECEIVES PALLIUM: ‘IT’S A VERY POWERFUL SIGN’: Archbishop Richard Moth was one of the thirty five men who received the pallium from Pope Leo XIV. Pope Leo XIV placed this white cloth, called a pallium, on the shoulders of these men during the Mass on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Patrons of Rome. Eleven years ago, Pope Francis had shifted the ceremony of the imposition of the pallium from Rome to the archbishop’s archdiocese with the nuncio. These new archbishops were invited to concelebrate Mass with the Pope and be present for the blessing of the pallium. Vatican News <https://share.google/MkhSDPaC9ONwztIQI>

ASSISTED DYING RETURNS TO PARLIAMENT AS MP URGES PEERS TO ‘FINISH THE JOB’: Do Protect Life – please contact your local MP **A DAY WITH MARY** is hosting an International Symposium from 29 July to 31 July 2026 at St Mary’s Catholic Church, West Croydon Further information is available at www adaywithmary.org/symposium

BANNNEUX ND GB PILGRIMAGES 2026: Bannneux ND GB Pilgrimages invite you to join our pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Banneux, Belgium, a major Catholic Marian pilgrimage site. It marks the spot where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared eight times between 15 January and 2 March 1933, to an 11-year-old girl, Mariette Beco, calling herself the "Virgin of the Poor". During the visions, Mary indicated a stream, stating, "This spring is reserved for all nations to relieve the sick". The shrine was officially approved by the Roman Catholic Church in 1949 and was famously visited by Pope John Paul II in 1985. Divine Mercy will be travelling by luxury coach on the 12 August and returning 18 August. A full program of daily Holy Mass, Rosary, Talks, Divine Mercy devotions is available and a day trip to Beauraing, another Marian apparition site is included in the price. Hotel and full board included. **Pls call Millie on WhatsApp 07957594646 for more information.**

MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: 2nd - 4th Oct. www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info Tel: 0788 7296983

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: 12th July St. Michael’s Church rev Ed Kendall; 19th July St Mary with St Alban Church Rev David Cloake; 26th July St Francis de Sales Church Rev Shaun Church; 2nd August Teddington Methodist Church Rev David Innes; 9th August Sacred Heart Church Rev Stephen Beale; 16th August NPL Christian Fellowship; 23rd August St John’s Church Rev Jerry Field

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.*

HISTORY AND TRADITIONS - FR. LUIGI ORIONE & SDP: The "Closed Doors" Ethos: The foundational tradition of the order is encapsulated in the phrase, "Our love had no closed doors," urging members to bring Christ to the most abandoned corners of society. Love transcends all things and all situations. In difficult relationships we are taught to pray about the situation and for persons involved ...

NEXT WEEKEND’S READINGS 19th July (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A) Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27 Matt 13:24-43		PARISH INFORMATION Fr Stephen Beale FDP, Parochial Administrator <i>Parish administrator:</i> Phillippa Chaney, in the office Mon and Fri, 9am-3pm <i>Parish website (including newsletter:</i> https://sacredheartteddington.org/ <i>Email:</i> teddington@rcdow.org.uk , Telephone: 020 8977 2986 <i>Bookkeeper:</i> 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: 6th September Sunday SDP Chapel, 2.30pm-3.30pm (23 Lwr Teddington Rd, Hampton Wick, KT1 4EU)		
Next week’s Mass Intentions				
Saturday	11 th July	St Benedict, abbot, patron of Europe	09.30-11.00 6pm	Holy Hour and confessions William Jones RIP
Sunday	12 th July	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30am 11.15am	Parishioners and benefactors Lilly and Joseph Rodrigues RIP
Monday	13 th July	St Henry	09.30am	Special intention
Tuesday	14 th July	St Camillus de Lellis, Priest	09.30am	Kath Wright RIP
Wednesday	15 th July	St Bonaventure, Bishop Doctor of the Church	09.30am	Sacred Heart School
Thursday	16 th July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	No Mass	Pray rosary: needs of the world
Friday	17 th July	Weekday in Ordinary Time	09.30am	Eileen Ridler RIP anniv
Saturday	18 th July	Weekday in Ordinary Time	09.30-11.00 6pm	Holy Hour and confessions <i>Donor’s intention</i>
Sunday	19 th July	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30am 11.15am	<i>Donor’s intention</i> Parishioners and benefactors