



Sacred Heart Teddington

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Parish Newsletter



26TH JULY 2026

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS

WEEK I

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

'The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, 'Ask what I shall give you.' [...] Give your servant, an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this great people? (1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12) Priests and those in authority should reflect on Solomon's humility. We are called and chosen to be good and holy and to lead, guide and shepherd the people of God. We are unworthy and the role is humbling. We have to act & speak in persona Christi. We must be humble before God and those in our care. We are called to be Christ for others, showing the example of patience, goodness, kindness, tolerance and more. We don't always succeed, but we are called and chosen and with God's grace we will do good & fight evil.

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!

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS: The theme chosen for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2026 is, "I will never forget you" (Is 49:15). This celebration falls on the 26th July (S. Joachim and Anne). This is day dedicated to recognising grandparents and the elderly as bearers of memory, faith, and blessing. It is a great opportunity for families and parishes to reflect on the graces they bring to our lives and communities, and to strengthen intergenerational bonds to ensure that no one is left in loneliness. As we celebrate this World Day for grandparents and the elderly, reflect on how their stories shaped our story, how their faith rooted us in times of trial, and how their dreams formed our aspirations and onward path. **To visit the parish sick, a DBS check needed.** Interested? see Fr. Stephen **"SPE SALVI FACTI SUMUS":** —in hope we were saved, says Saint Paul to the Romans, and likewise to us (Rom 8:24). According to the Christian faith, "redemption"—salvation—is not simply a given. Redemption is offered to us in the sense that we have been given hope, trustworthy hope, by virtue of which we can face our present: the present, even if it is arduous, can be lived and accepted if it leads towards a goal, if we can be sure of this goal, and if this goal is great enough to justify the effort of the journey. Now the question immediately arises: what sort of hope could ever justify the statement that, on the basis of that hope and simply because it exists, we are redeemed? And what sort of certainty is involved here? To view in full please visit https://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_ben-xvi_enc_20071130_spe-salvi.html **In the context of wheat & daniel Gospel see nos. 41-48**

NEWSLETTER DURING THE SUMMER BREAK: It is likely that we shall do 2 weekly newsletters for the month of August due to the holiday season. So please bear with us, we shall share as much news as we can.

DONATIONS FOR UPGRADE OF SOUND SYSTEM: Last Sunday we received a 3rd donation that covers the remaining expenses for the upgrade of the sound system. Thanks to these donors. As I say, I am truly humbled by peoples' generosity and kindness – thank you.

A FURTHER DONATION received in favour of carpentry work to fill gaps in the parquet floor caused by expansion contraction: **thanks**

ALPHA 2026/27: 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 17 September. Candidates, please attend Mass & get to know parishioners.

RECENT 2ND COLLECTIONS: Peter's Pence raised £219.18 Stella Maris raised £218.87 Thanks very much. Next 2nd collection Sept.

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 £311.85 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

POPE LEO XIV: ANGELUS: GOD'S KINGDOM GROWS QUIETLY THROUGH LOVE, NOT FORCE. During his Angelus address, Pope Leo says God's Kingdom grows quietly through humility, patience & love rather than power, urging Christians to trust in His hidden work & become "small seeds of the Gospel" in the world. Rather than imposing Himself by force or arriving in triumph, the Pope said, God chooses "smallness" as the sign of His discreet and patient love. "He leaves us free to accept or reject Him," Pope Leo said, noting that God's love makes its presence felt even "among the weeds," works invisibly like the smallest of seeds, and transforms the world silently, like yeast in dough.

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 and other websites asking for help – Red cross and UNICEF are among many to choose from. Pray for affected individuals, families and relief workers.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE - BEXHILL SECTION: Meetings 1st Monday of every month at 7.30pm St Martha's Church Hall – please see booklet at back of Church. Catholic Women's League is hoping for revival in parishes nationwide. What about a group in Teddington?

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL PUBLISHED: Even if you have contacted your MP before, please write to them again! The Bill was published on the day MPs left Westminster for the summer recess, leaving them very little parliamentary time to examine it before its Second Reading on Friday 11 September. <https://righttolife.org.uk/Sept11vote>

BANNEUX ND GB PILGRIMAGES 2026: Banneux 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: 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; 30th August Teddington Baptist Church Rev Johnathan Findlater; 6th September SDP Rev Stephen Beale et al.

CARITAS WESTMINSTER Sr. Sylvana dropped by after visiting the school on Thursday to give Ambassador badges to year 5 in preparation for next term. An opportunity to ask for a teenage and/or adult Caritas Ambassador Rep for Sacred Heart Church Teddington. The idea to look around & discern what are the local groups in society needing help – then to drum up support... Interested? Contact Pippa / Fr. Stephen

PADRE PIO LAST WEEKEND RETREAT Thanks for the warm welcome for Don Domenico and companions. We will surely meet them again...

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: Missionary Expansion: Fr. Orione travelled extensively to Brazil, Argentina, Chile, and Uruguay (1921–1922 and 1934–1937) to establish schools, orphanages, and agricultural colonies for the poor. SDP UK hold a monthly 1000 Club draw that shares 50% to prize money and 50% to Don Orione World Missions. For more information, please ask Fr. Stephen

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS 2nd August (18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A) Isa 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39 Matt 14:13-21		PARISH INFORMATION Fr Stephen Beale FDP, Parochial Administrator <i>Parish administrator:</i> 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) <i>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)</i>		
Next week's Mass Intentions				
Saturday	25 th July	St. James, Apostle	09.30-11.00 6pm	Holy Hour and confessions Mary Jo Killeen (get well)
Sunday	26 th July	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30am 11.15am	Parishioners and benefactors Special intention
Monday	27 th July	Weekday in Ordinary Time	09.30am	Fiona O'Mahoney RIP, Brian Coyne RIP
Tuesday	28 th July	Weekday in Ordinary Time	09.30am	Veronika Omomo int. Safe home: USA
Wednesday	29 th July	Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus	09.30am	Anne Hewitt (get well)
Thursday	30 th July	St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop Doctor of the Church	No Mass	Rebecca Balfour & family
Friday	31 st July	St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	09.30am	Int. parishioners and benefactors
Saturday	1 st August	St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop Doctor of the Church	09.30-11.00 6pm	Holy Hour and confessions Int. Fr. Stephen 34 yr priestly anniv
Sunday	2 nd August	18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30am 11.15am	Bert Darling RIP Ben and Daisy 1 st wedding anniv