



# Sacred Heart Teddington

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## Parish Newsletter



2 AND 9 AUGUST 2026

TWO WEEK NEWSLETTER

PSALTER WEEKS 2 AND 3

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

2<sup>nd</sup> August the Gospel speaks of Jesus withdrawing to a quiet place to grieve for the death of John the Baptist. Then he saw a large crowd and took compassion on them – feeding of the five thousand. 9<sup>th</sup> August after the feeding of the five thousand Jesus went away by himself. The disciples were in the boat and Jesus appeared to them. They were terrified. Jesus asked “why be afraid?” Peter walked on the water towards Jesus but he wavered. During the holidays thank God for his Providence and imagine walking towards Jesus ... Why be afraid?

**POPE LEO XIV PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST – For evangelisation in the city.** Let us pray in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we may find new ways of proclaiming the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

### 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. **NARTHEX OPENING TIMES:** Weekdays: Mon, Tues & Fri – Narthex open for Prayer 8am – 10am and 3pm-6pm. Weds & Thurs 8am-6pm. Weekends as normal. **Please note the narthex will be closed 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Aug – weekday. Masses as normal.**

**CHURCH LIFE:** The summer break is definitely upon us. Let's keep in our minds the people who may not have a break that might need it; for those who may feel lonely or isolated; and let's give thanks to God for what we have and always find a positive within our day. Let's take this opportunity to have some down time in the fast-paced world we live in... to think about how we can grow in a new way and offer something to others, or develop a new skill. We are looking forward to hosting an Inclusive Mass during September – and the possibility of starting an arts and crafts workshop with the help and support of Caritas St. Joseph's...as you know this has been on my bucket list for some time. Volunteers will be needed I'm sure, so keep this in your mind for as and when. **We have lots of things to get going in September: ALPHA, RCIA, BAPTISM PREPARATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION, SIGN UPS; FAITH GROUPS AND LOTS MORE.** Our Parish is set to be even busier! Caritas Westminster and Missio are asking the parish to nominate reps. **“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](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**

**CYBER CRIME:** Cyber criminals are increasingly using artificial intelligence (AI) to create convincing videos, voice messages and written communications while impersonating members of the clergy. Their aim is to deceive people into believing they are communicating with a priest, bishop, or Parish representative before requesting money or donations. Never assume that a WhatsApp message /video is genuine simply because it appears to come from a member of the clergy. Never send money, gift cards or bank details in response to unsolicited requests received via WhatsApp or other messaging platforms. Always verify the identity of the sender by contacting the priest or parish directly using a known telephone number or official email address. Report any suspicious messages and the phone numbers to Action Fraud <https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/>. Report any suspicious messages and the phone numbers to Action Fraud <https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/>

**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. **FORTHCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS: Catholic Education Service 13<sup>th</sup> September** Evangelii Gaudium Appeal 20<sup>th</sup> September **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 £278.37** 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**

**POPE LEO XIV PRAYS FOR VICTIMS OF WILDFIRES IN EUROPE:** Pope Leo XIV expressed his closeness to those affected by the devastating wildfires sweeping parts of France and Spain and invited the faithful to pray for victims and emergency responders. As vast wildfires continue to force mass evacuations in southwestern France and central Spain, threatening communities and stretching emergency services, the Pope turned his thoughts to those suffering from the disaster. "In light of the devastating wildfires that have affected various parts of France and Spain in recent days, I wish to express my closeness and invite everyone to pray for those who have been affected and for the tireless efforts of the emergency responders." **CARDINAL CZERNY: PATIENTLY BUILD AUTHENTIC BRIDGES OF COMMUNION.** During the opening Mass for the plenary assembly of the Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa, Cardinal Czerny encourages Christians to patiently change the world by allowing the Holy Spirit to act within them and thus bring communion.

**EMERGENCY HELP FOR VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS:** Please see [www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/donate/support-venezuela/](http://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/donate/support-venezuela/) or [www.donorione.org/dona-ora](http://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. **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>

**CARITAS WESTMINSTER** We have an opportunity to ask for a teenage and/or adult Caritas Ambassador Rep for Sacred Heart Church Teddington. The idea is to look around & discern what are the local groups in society needing help – then to drum up support... Interested?

**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](http://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:** 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;

**Fr. Felice Bruno** is visiting Hampton Wick. Since 1940 Sons of Divine Providence have been entrusted with the directorship of Vatican Post Office and the Philatelic Office. Follow: <https://www.postevaticane.va/it/novita/a-colloquio-con-don-felice-bruno-capo-ufficio-del-servizio-poste-e-filatelie> follow the link and translator into English or other language. SDP for a while was also in charge of St. Anna in the Vatican. Fr. Felice gave a lovely talk on Wednesday evening speaking of his duties and of SDP Christ-centred service – what Pope Leo promotes today.

#### READINGS FOR 9 / 16 AUGUST

9<sup>TH</sup> August

(19<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Ord time in Year A)

1Kings 19:9a, 11-13a; Romans 9:1-5

Matt 14:22-23

16<sup>th</sup> August

(The Assumption of the B.V.M.)

Rev. 11-19; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1Cor 20-27

Luke 1:39-56

#### 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/>

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Bookkeeper: Juste: [teddingtonbk@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:teddingtonbk@rcdow.org.uk) In office: Tuesdays 10.30am-2.30pm

**Safeguarding: Estella Weston** ([teddingtonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto: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:** Sunday 6 Sept SDP Chapel, 2.30pm-3.30pm (23 Lower Teddington Rd, Hampton Wick, KT1 4EU)

#### Next week's Mass Intentions

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|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 1 <sup>st</sup> August  | St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church | 9.30-11.00am<br>6pm | Holy Hour and confessions<br>Int. Fr. Stephen 34 yr priestly anniv |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> August  | 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time            | 09.30am<br>11.15am  | Bert Darling RIP<br>Ben and Daisy 1 <sup>st</sup> wedding anniv    |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> August  | Week 18 in Ordinary Time                            | 09.30am             | Gemma Miller RIP                                                   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 4 <sup>th</sup> August  | St. John Mary Vianney, Priest                       | 09.30am             | Special intention                                                  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 5 <sup>th</sup> August  | Week 18 in Ordinary Time                            | 09.30am             | Alan Jones RIP                                                     |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 6 <sup>th</sup> August  | The Transfiguration of the Lord                     | No Mass             | Fr. Joseph Tirello fdp RIP anniv                                   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 7 <sup>th</sup> August  | Week 18 in Ordinary Time                            | 09.30am             | Kay McGrane (get well)                                             |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 8 <sup>th</sup> August  | St. Dominic, priest                                 | 9.30-11.00am<br>6pm | <b>No Holy Hour or confessions</b><br>Kathleen McGroin (get well)  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9 <sup>th</sup> August  | 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time            | 9.30am<br>11.15am   | <i>Donor intention</i><br>Intention parishioners/benefactors       |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 15 <sup>th</sup> August | Week 19 in Ordinary Time                            | 9.30-11.00am<br>6pm | Holy Hour and confessions<br><i>Donor intention</i>                |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 16 <sup>th</sup> August | <b>The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary</b>        | 09.30 am<br>11.15am | Intention parishioners/benefactors<br>Priscilla McHugh RIP         |

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August *Donor intention*, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> *Donor intention* – currently these days are available for asking for a Mass intention to be celebrated.