



Sacred Heart Teddington

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Parish Newsletter



30TH AUGUST 2026

22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 2

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

I appeal to you [...] to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good, acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:1-2) Last weekend we heard the duty of the Church is to Govern, to Sanctify and to Teach its members. It's members – you and me, may be weak and hardheaded, wanting to do our will and not God's. If we consider our sins, we are saddened and weighed down. St. Paul understood this, therefore he spoke of conversion, renewal, being tested by God, and discernment of what is right and wrong, good and bad. Beginning a new academic year, let's leave the old behind – **renewal**.

POPE LEO XIV PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER – For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

THE SACRED HEART PARISH, TEDDINGTON AND HAMPTON WICK and THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE NEWS

A WARM WELCOME TO THE SACRED HEART CHURCH: Welcome back from holidays. Welcome to new faces. 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 (excluding holidays). **NARTHEX OPENING TIMES:** Weekdays: Mon, Tues & Fri – Narthex open for Prayer 8am – 10am and 3pm-6pm. Weds & Thurs 8am-6pm. Weekends as normal.

CHURCH LIFE: Entering the last week of Summer break, I hope parishioners are returning refreshed and energised. Congratulations to students who have done well in their exam grades and good luck for the scholastic year. Let's hope and pray that students who have not achieved what they hoped for may be comforted and accompanied to attain their goals. Sometimes it means a change in direction... Be strong and have faith in yourselves and those teaching you. As we are about to restart, I return to my bucket list – we continue with Alpha and Padre Pio. We are close to starting spiritual accompaniment for people living with or affected by cancer; Let's embrace our local neighbours with disabilities – possibility of café style welcome and some activities? Can we support carers attending their loved ones living with dementia or other illnesses? We are being praised for the beauty and cleanliness of the church, and for its prayerfulness. We are looking for ways to better use the hall, and for ways to reduce the remaining debt following building works. Thanks to our current volunteers participating in many roles. More are needed ... Outreach to the sick and housebound. I am exploring Divine Renovation that will help us to have a solid leadership team to support the parish and its pastor. Do come on board with new blood ...

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 or other professionals. Their aim is to deceive people by entering into conversation, using coercive voice before requesting money or donations. Never assume that a telephone call, WhatsApp message /video is genuine. Never send money, gift cards or bank details in response to unsolicited requests received by phone, email, 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/>.

SEPTEMBER IS UPON US: ALPHA, RCIA, BAPTISM PREPARATION, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION, SIGN UPS;

ALPHA 2026/27: Wednesday 30 September – 9 December. 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' **All weekends in September there will be witness to promote and invites to join upcoming Alpha group.**

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.

PADRE PIO FIRST MONDAY READING GROUPS September 7th onwards. **PADRE PIO RETREATS** Saturday 17 October, 12 December.

FAITH GROUPS AND LOTS MORE. Caritas Westminster and Missio are asking the parish to nominate reps – please come forward.

FORTHCOMING 2ND COLLECTIONS: Catholic Education Service 13th September Evangelii Gaudium Appeal 20th September

PARISH FINANCES – Thank you for supporting The Sacred Heart. July S.O. £3,997; Contactless: £324.00; Building Fund Standing Order £810.00; Last Sunday plate collection £323.36 Please consider making a standing order for your weekly contribution?

GIFT AID claim for the 2025/26 tax year raised £14,992.11 in total, of which £7,252.50 is Gift Aid received on building fund donations and allocated accordingly. 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 AT AUDIENCE: ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN LITURGY LEADS US TO RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD - Vatican News - follow link <https://share.google/iLo7jH1D2T7DwSoCM> During the Wednesday General Audience in St. Peter's Basilica on August 26, Pope Leo XIV highlighted the importance of the liturgical reform enacted by the Second Vatican Council, which encouraged the faithful to participate more actively in the liturgy and enter into a deeper relationship with God. [...] "Since the gestures and words of the sacred liturgy are critical to realizing this experience, the participation of the faithful cannot be passive," he said. [...] Pope Leo continued his series of reflections on the Documents of the Second Vatican Council and delivered his final catechesis on the 1963 Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. [...] This was the first text to be promulgated at the Second Vatican Council and brought about important changes to the liturgy, such as allowing it to be celebrated in vernacular languages and encouraging a more active participation of the faithful. "The liturgical reform promoted by the Second Vatican Council is thus firmly rooted in the living tradition of the Church," the Pope said. [...] Responsibility of bishops and priests to safeguard the liturgy." *(The above is an incomplete summary)*

LUMINESCENCE LONDON – WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL symphonic version 14-piece orchestra and Lux Aeterna choir. See website

ST. CARLO ACUTIS EXHIBITION AT CHRIST THE PRINCE OF PEACE Portmore Way, Weybridge KT13 8JD **25August – 3 September.**

CARITAS WESTMINSTER Wanted: 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?

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>

ABORTION: MARCH FOR LIFE UK Sat. 5th Sept. See notice board

PRINCESS ALICE HOSPICE & ST RAPHAEL'S HOSPICE two hospices, one journey – Camino de Santiago. 5 day journey – 117 km. To join – meeting Wed 9 Sept at 6.30pm To book the meeting: <https://www.pah.org.uk/camino-de-santiago-trek-information-evening/> Book the trip: <https://www.different-travel.com/trip/jointcamino-with-st-raphaels-and-princess-alice-hospices-2027/> see noticeboard

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: 30th August Teddington Baptist Church Rev Johnathan Findlater; 6th September Sons of Divine Providence Rev Stephen Beale; 13th September St Mark's Church, Rev Thomas Simpson

KINGSTON ODEON is showing **DAVID** (PG) From the Old Testament Book of Kings.

FILM NIGHT AT THE SACRED HEART CHURCH TEDDINGTON showing **AN INSPECTOR CALLS** on **Thurs 17th September – 7pm to 10.00pm** Set in 1912, a thriving industrial age build on crippling social inequality. 'An Inspector Calls' centres on the prosperous Birling family, who receive a surprise visit from Inspector Goole, investigating the suicide of a young girl, a former factory worker of Mr. Birling's. Interrogating each family member in turn, his incisive questioning reveals that each one not only had a connection to the girl but also may have played a significant part in her demise. As the family's callous actions are brought to light, so are dark and shameful secrets that threaten to tear the Birling household apart and destroy its reputation. **Tickets £15.00 each, includes light snacks & liquid refreshment.** Ask Pip or Fr. Stephen for tickets. **An Inspector Calls** may be on **GCSE/A level** students – please join us to view...

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.

NEPAL AND TIBET LANDSLIDE Please pray for the victims and follow social media / websites to assist further.

**READINGS FOR
6th September
(23rd Sunday, Ord time in
Year A
Ezech 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10
Matt 18:15-20**

PARISH INFORMATION Fr Stephen Beale FDP, Parochial Administrator
Parish administrator: Phillippa Chaney, in the office Mon and Fri, 9am-3pm
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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:** Sunday 6 Sept SDP Chapel, 2.30pm-3.30pm (23 Lower Teddington Rd, Hampton Wick, KT1 4EU)

Next week's Mass Intentions

Sunday	30 th August	Week 22 in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Alexander Ballantyne RIP Parishioners and benefactors
Monday	31 st August	St. Aidan, Bishop & missionary Saints of Lindisfarne	10.00am	Maria Antonuccio RIP
Tuesday	1 st Sept	Week 22 in Ordinary Time	09.30am	Int Bella
Wednesday	2 nd Sept	Week 22 in Ordinary Time	09.30am	Professor Jason Arday RIP
Thursday	3 rd Sept	St. Gregory The Great, Pope, Doctor	No Mass	Special intention
Friday	4 th Sept	Week 22 in Ordinary Time	09.30am	Hortensia Thompson bday
Saturday	5 th Sept	St. Teresa of Calcutta	9.30-11.00am 6pm	Holy Hour and confessions Moya and John Heyes RIP
Sunday	6 th Sept	Week 23 of ordinary time	09.30am 11.15am	Parishioners and benefactors Tim Taylor (well being)