



Sacred Heart Teddington

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Parish Newsletter



16TH AND 23RD AUGUST 2026

TWO-WEEK NEWSLETTER

PSALTER WEEKS 4 AND 1

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

16th August This weekend we celebrate the Assumption of the body and soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This rewards her sinlessness and her complete surrender to God's will for her - 'FIAT': 'let it be done to be according to your will.' Mary is mediatrix / intercessor for each of us from heaven. 23rd August falls on a Sunday so St. Rose of Lima is not celebrated this year. She was humble and poor. Today's gospel: Simon Peter proclaims his faith in Jesus. Jesus proclaims him Rock - his successor. Pray for Pope Leo XIV: today's Peter. Let's pray for the church, asking God to illuminate us by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, spreading hope, love, joy, peace, goodness, trust.

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.

CHURCH LIFE: This is the first newsletter since I have returned from my retreat - thank you for your prayers and wishes whilst I have been away, and my great thanks to everyone who has kept things going - from the main Church to the watering of the gardens. Whilst I would normally come back with an array of ideas - I think it is better to really harness and nurture the groups that have been spoken about before including exploration of Divine Renovation and really get them going; but please know I am not shutting the door on new ideas. The retreat focussed on Contemplation within the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. The recurring meditations started and finished with Surrender, Service and Praise. Those three elements were enough to feed me for the retreat and to help me focus on my personal spiritual journey, enriching me to help those I meet along the way. Congratulations to Saturday's newlyweds Matteo and Hannah - we pray to God and Blessed Mary to bless their union, protect their home, and guide their daily lives in faith, love, and fidelity - Amen.

SEPTEMBER IS COMING: 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.

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/>

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; Sunday 2nd Aug plate collection £296.85 Sunday 9th Aug plate collection £249.04 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

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

POPE LEO XIV IN ASSISI: Pope encourages young people to ‘touch the suffering flesh of others’. At Mass for the 2026 Franciscan Youth Meeting in Assisi, the Pope encourages young people to “overcome resignation and fear,” and “write new pages of history.” Pope Leo celebrated Mass for the thousands of young people from across Europe gathered in Assisi for Go!, the 2026 Franciscan Youth Meeting. At Mass in the Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels, the Pope encouraged his young listeners to go “to the margins” of society, “where the injustice and arrogance of a few deny the dignity and dreams of many”. “We are called to read the Scriptures with the Master,” Pope Leo said, “to interpret our times, and to make decisions as we walk in His footsteps. We are here to overcome resignation and fear, to untangle the doubts that hold us back just as they held back the apostles. Jesus calls us into a dialogue with His story so that we may write new pages of history.” Assisi is a place where “everything whispers that our lives can be transformed, unleash light, and repair the world,” the Pope said, reminding his listeners that it was here in Assisi that “the transfiguration of Francis, of Clare, and then of thousands of other young people” first began.

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.

LUMINISCENCE LONDON – WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL – symphonic version 14 piece orchestra and Lux Aeterna choir. See notice board.

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
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 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: 16th August NPL Christian Fellowship; 23rd August St John's Church Rev Jerry Field; 30th August Teddington Baptist Church Rev Johnathan Findlater; 6th September Sons of Divine Providence Rev Stephen Beale;

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT The funeral of Stephen Penn RIP of Hampton Hill parish, will take place at The Sacred Heart Church Teddington 19 September 12noon, followed by burial at Teddington Cemetery, Shacklegate Lane at 1.30pm. Condolences to his family and friends.

READINGS FOR 23/ 30 AUGUST
23rd August
(21st Sunday, Ord time in Year A)
 Is. 22:15, 19-23; Romans 11:33-36
 Matt 16:13-20
30th August
(22nd Sunday, Ord time in Year A)
 Jer. 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2
 Matt 16:21-27

PARISH INFORMATION

Fr Stephen Beale FDP, Parochial Administrator

Parish administrator: Phillippa Chaney, in the office Mon and Fri, 9am-3pm

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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

Saturday	15 th August	Week 19 in Ordinary Time	9.30-11.00am 6pm	Holy Hour and confessions Mimmo Martinelli family wellbeing
Sunday	16 th August	The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary	09.30am 11.15am	Parishioners and benefactors Priscilla McHugh
Monday	17 th August	Week 20 of ordinary time	09.30am	Special intention
Tuesday	18 th August	Week 20 of ordinary time	09.30am	Kay McGrane (get well)
Wednesday	19 th August	Week 20 of ordinary time	09.30am	Special intention
Thursday	20 th August	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor	No Mass	For the sick of the parish
Friday	21 st August	St. Pius X, Pope (he received the vows of Fr. Luigi Orione)	09.30am	Tony and Joan O'Beirne RIP
Saturday	22 nd August	Our Lady, Mother and Queen	9.30-11.00am 6pm	Holy Hour and confessions Celina Barreto RIP
Sunday	23 rd August	Week 21 in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Marie Glynne RIP Parishioners and benefactors
Monday	24 th August	St. Batholomew, Apostle	09.30am	Charlotte and Bob Campbell RIP
Tuesday	25 th August	Week 21 in Ordinary Time	09.30am	Special intention
Wednesday	26 th August	Bl. Dominic of the Mother of God	09.30am	Thanksgiving for exam results
Thursday	27 th August	St. Monica	No Mass	Monica O'S RIP, Monica A RIP
Friday	28 th August	St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor	09.30am	Fr. Malcolm Dyer fdp celebrations
Saturday	29 th August	The beheading of St. John the Baptist	9.30-11.00am 6pm	Holy Hour and confessions Teresa Lobo RIP
Sunday	30 th August	Week 21 of ordinary time	09.30am 11.15am	Alexander Ballantyne RIP anniv Parishioners and benefactors