



Sacred Heart Teddington

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Parish Newsletter



13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK IV

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, and the sinful man will hold them fast. The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord, and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded. (Sirach 27:30-28:7) The seven deadly sins are Pride, Greed, Lust, Envy, Gluttony, Wrath and Sloth. Wrath figures in this weekend's first and gospel readings. The list of sins helps us to examine our conscience and drive us to the confessional box to ask God for forgiveness, mercy and pardon, healing and conversion to enable us to turn a corner, that we may love our neighbour and to forgive from the heart, those who sin against us. Remember the words of the Our Father ... forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Our prayer: 'let my life and death be for the Lord.' St. Paul

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: 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING: Thurs 15th Oct @ 7.00pm-8.30pm. Please contact Pippa teddington@rcdow.org.uk

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027: Please start thinking about this Sacrament if your Child/ren are in the current Yr 3 class or above – start date Jan 2027 Date TBC. Closing date Mon 7th Dec 26. Please contact Pippa teddington@rcdow.org.uk

CONFIRMATION 2027: If your child/ren are in the current Yr 9 at Secondary School, please speak with them/friends about this third important Sacrament - start date Jan 2027 Date TBC. Please contact Pippa teddington@rcdow.org.uk

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. **All weekends in September there will be witness to promote and invites to join upcoming Alpha group.**

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

PADRE PIO FEAST DAY MASS AT SACRED HEART 6.15PM – 9PM; Rosary, Mass, Adoration/Confession; Reflection, light refreshments.

THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY@: is a course for anyone, over 17 years, who has been bereaved at any time and in any way. The seven week course helps you to process your grief in a safe and supportive space and to talk about your experience. The course starts on Sunday 27th September 2 - 4pm at St Stephen's Church, Twickenham. Please Sign up.

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.

HIRE THE HALL: Please contact the office to check availability and pricing.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE: Applications for Year 7 Entry September 2027. For families who attend Mass *regularly* at the Sacred Heart Church (fortnightly or monthly attendance does not constitute the practice required by the canons.)

Please see Fr. Stephen after Mass to show your interest, and then, book with Pippa teddington@rcdow.org.uk Please bring the printed form with you, and your child. Be aware of the half term for submitting to the schools. Dates to be confirmed

SACRED HEART NURSERY/PRIMARY AND JUNIOR SCHOOL: Sacred Heart School is a wonderfully-unique, one-form entry Catholic Primary school in the heart of Teddington. We serve all the Catholic parishes in the area and also welcome families of other faiths and none. We would be delighted to show you around our school. We have 30 places in Reception and 26 places in our Nursery. We also have a few vacancies in specific year groups if you have older children who require an in-year school place. Please call the school office on 020 8977 6591.

THIS WEEKEND 2ND COLLECTION: Catholic Education Service 13th September Evangelii Gaudium Appeal 20th September

PARISH FINANCES: Thank you for supporting The Sacred Heart August S.O. £3,702; Contactless: £103.00; Building Fund Standing Order £890.00; Last Sunday plate collection £232.43 Please consider making a standing order for your weekly contribution?

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.

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

REMEMBER THE SACRED HEART CHURCH TEDDINGTON BUILDING FUND AS A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL: For the 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 TO VISIT GENAZZANO AS ‘PILGRIM’ BEFORE MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL: On the vigil of the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope Leo XIV is set to return to the Shrine of the Mother of Good Counsel in Genazzano to celebrate Mass, with the local Bishop saying Our Lady “points to Christ as the path to follow. *Don Orione was witnessed in ecstasy, his body levitating in this shrine.*

THE SEASON OF CREATION: It began on Sept 1 the World Day of prayer for the care of creation. The theme of the season is “Living water”. We learn of a river growing deeper and restoring barren land with reviving waters and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. This vision invites human responsibility: recognising ecological damage and embracing interconnectedness. We are called to immerse ourselves in the water, actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together.

CHURCH LIFE: Its lovely to see the Church being filled again after the summer period, things don’t stand still though! I have left last weeks thoughts just in case people have missed it “Looking into my bucket list – we continue with Alpha and Padre Pio. I am exploring Divine Renovation that will help us to have a solid leadership team to support the parish and its pastor. We are close to starting spiritual accompaniment for people living with or affected by cancer; Let’s also embrace our local neighbours with disabilities – possibility of café style welcome and some activities? Can we support carers caring for their loved ones living with dementia or other illnesses? Do come on board with new blood ... We have been praised for the beauty and cleanliness of the church, and for its prayerfulness. May I ask an extra effort to arrive on-time for Mass as a gesture of solidarity and respect for those already praying or engaged in the Mass. Guardians please help children not to play, but to be occupied in a way that helps them to absorb God’s presence through silence and listening. We are looking for ways to better use the hall, and for ways to reduce the remaining debt following building works. Outreach to the sick and housebound. Thanks to our volunteers. We need more...” So on that note, with another week under our belts things are moving even quicker, and the urgency to fulfil volunteer roles is now knocking at the door. Please don’t be shy, all help is greatly received. This is your Parish, and you can be a bigger part of it – we just need to act upon it – there is something for everyone. Light refreshments have begun again after weekend Masses – we’ve had a lovely offer for some home baked cakes for a Sunday, please feel free if you would like to join in and share something – greatly received – just no nuts please.

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER WE ARE LINKING WITH CARITAS ST JOSEPH FOR AN INCLUSIVE MASS which intends embracing people living with learning disabilities, extending to people on the autism spectrum. We welcome those from our local community and from surrounding parishes. It’s a pilot for us and it could become a regular feature. After Mass refreshments in the hall. Please join us.

FILM NIGHT AT THE SACRED HEART CHURCH HALL 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 per adult and £10 per student, includes light snacks & liquid refreshment. An Inspector Calls is the GCSE study book.** Students – please join us to view and get some extra revision! Ask Pippa or Fr. Stephen for tickets and available after every Mass.

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?

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

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – PRAYER ROTA: 13th September St Mark’s Church, Rev Thomas Simpson; 20th September Salvation Army Majors Maria Konti-Galinou and Polis Pantelidis; 27th September Teddington Memorial Hospital Emma Hughes

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

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

RIVER ALERT DANGER FOR HUMANS AND ANIMALS The Environmental Agency said blue-green algae has been detected and unconfirmed sightings between Sunbury Lock and Teddington Lock including the Ham and Kingston designated Bathing Water area. See poster

NEXT WEEKEND’S READINGS
20th September
(25th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year A)

Isa 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27
 Matt 20:1-16a

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/>)

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)

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:

every 1st Sunday @ SDP Chapel, 2.30pm-3.30pm (23 Lower Teddington Rd, Hampton Wick, KT1 4EU)

Next week’s Mass Intentions

Saturday	12 th Sept	The Most Holy Name of Mary	9.30-11.00am 6pm	Holy Hour and confessions Parishioners and benefactors
Sunday	13 th Sept	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30am 11.15am	Manuel Pechau RIP Bernard Miller RIP BD Anniv
Monday	14 th Sept	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	09.30am	Jeff Hagan RIP anniv
Tuesday	15 th Sept	Our Lady of Sorrows	09.30am	Int Bella
Wednesday	16 th Sept	Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	09.30am	Special intention
Thursday	17 th Sept	St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and St Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin, Doctors of the Church	No Mass	Mary Moloney and family
Friday	18 th Sept	Weekday in Ordinary Time	09.30am	Int Tony and Anne Earland
Saturday	19 th Sept	St Januarius, Bishop, Martyr; St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop	9.30-11.00am 6pm	Holy Hour and confessions Int Catherine Ridler
Sunday	20 th Sept	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30am 11.15am	Holy Hour and confessions Pat & Rebecca Ellis & John RIP