



Sacred Heart Teddington

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Parish Newsletter



20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK I

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

If we do wrong and are sorry for our wrongdoing, God in his mercy, love and compassion will forgive us. We may not deserve that mercy, compassion, love and forgiveness and we may not understand it, because God's ways are not our ways, and his thoughts are above and beyond our thoughts and thought and reasoning processes. (Isaiah 55:6-9) Jesus died for our sins, that in forgiving them we may have life. What Paul expresses is whether we live or die, it is for the Lord. Just live a life that is Christ centred. We are working in the Lord's vineyard. It may be for a short time or a long time, but the wage is the same. Imploring his mercy, love and compassion are for us the highway to heaven. Our personal lives, like a grapevine must bear good, healthy fruits – God will bless them!

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 contact Julie Haworth on haworthjulie@gmail.com

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: Evangelii Gaudium Appeal 20th September **NEXT UP:** CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 4th October

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: Catholic Education raised £105.00 thank you for your support

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 £258.43 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 XIV CELEBRATES HIS 71ST BIRTHDAY: Pope Leo XIV celebrated his 71st birthday on September 14, 2026, following a year marked by appeals for peace, Apostolic Journeys, and concern for human dignity. Peace has been one of the most frequently recurring themes of Pope Leo's words over the past year. Since speaking after his election of an "unarmed and disarming" peace, he has repeatedly returned to peace and reconciliation during his Apostolic Journeys, encounters, and public addresses.

CHURCH LIFE: Light refreshments have begun again after weekend Masses – last week we had a wonderful lemony madeira cake, and also a courgette cake – they were both really very tasty and enjoyed greatly – and all gone! For the 09.30am and 11.15am Masses, do please come forward and create a little rota for tea/ coffee duties – it gives a great deal back to people to have a little chat at the end of the week, and continues and completes the cycle of helpers starting with set up on Saturday evening.

We had the SH School here for Mass on Wednesday – it was lovely to see the children and staff members back here at Church in full – may their school year be fruitful and rewarding. Congratulations to 3 children and their family who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday – the pews will be greatly filled and there was a wonderful atmosphere – “Bless these and all children, now washed in the waters of baptism, and sealed with the sign of Your everlasting love. May Your Holy Spirit guide their steps, fill their heart with faith, hope, and charity, and keep them safe from all harm.” Looking forward we have Woodlands hopefully coming back to start the long-awaited snagging list. September ends with Baptism for another two children and October is virtually around the corner!

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER: 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 have outreached to care hubs in 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.

WORLD RIVERS DAY: Sunday 27 September 2026 @10.30am – 2pm The Green, Burnell Avenue, Ham, Richmond TW10 7YE

What's happening: 10.30am – Welcome and gathering. 11am – River Blessings - bringing different faiths and beliefs together beside the Thames. 12 noon – Community group singing. 1pm – Gentle Yoga Flow for everyone, including accessible/chair & wheelchair yoga.

DEMENTIA DROP-IN: Dementia drop-in event taking place on Tuesday 13 October 12-30- 2pm at the Bullen Hall. We are inviting people with dementia, their carers, or those just interested in finding out more, to meet with local dementia organisations and discover what support is available in our area. Please come along.

FILM NIGHT AT THE SACRED HEART CHURCH HALL TEDDINGTON: Thank you once again for the initiative, production and support from Richmond & Twickenham Circle (90) of The Catenian Association. The evening was nicely supported, and we saw a take up from Students taking advantage of some extra revision for their English Syllabus. We raised £600.00 All proceeds towards our building fund. The film ‘An Inspector Knocks’, set in 1920's was a whodunnit murder mystery with an unexpected twist as may be imagined or not!!!

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: 20th Sept Salvation Army Majors Maria Konti-Galinou and Polis Pantelidis; 27th Sept Teddington Memorial Hospital Emma Hughes; 4th Oct Hampton Wick Baptist Church Rev Grantham Wash

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

DIVINE RENOVATION, LONDON MISSION ON 7 NOVEMBER 2026 I have invited 10 parishioners to join me at this event. It is the next step after Alpha and the intention is to help the parish to grow in faith through evangelisation and solid leadership. It's the lay people supporting their priest / pastor. This is evolution for our parish, moving from physical maintenance to leadership and driving mission. I asked over 18 months for parishioners to identify how they had helped in the parish pre-covid; then the church was closed and we shared the hall space. Now we are trying to be a beacon of light, shining out and reaching out to the local area and further afield. Please pray for us and with us. Are there parishioners ready to embrace the local special needs community literally outside our front door and host a monthly café event? Can we start a Firm Roots group, offering spiritual support for people living with or affected by cancer? Again, this would involve a monthly prayer meeting in the hall plus a Whatsapp support group. Please contact Fr. Stephen for further information.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
27th September
(26th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year A)

Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11
Matt 21:28-32

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	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
Monday	21 st Sept	St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist	09.30am	Special intention
Tuesday	22 nd Sept	Weekday in Ordinary Time	09.30am	Marjorie Cutting RIP
Wednesday	23 rd Sept	St Pio of Pietrelcina	09.30am 6.30pm	Colin McCue wellbeing Donor's intention: Leo
Thursday	24 th Sept	Our Lady of Walsingham	No Mass	Michael Cross RIP
Friday	25 th Sept	Weekday in Ordinary Time	09.30am	William Jones RIP
Saturday	26 th Sept	Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs	9.30-11.00am 6pm	Holy Hour and confessions Patricia Mullins b'day int
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