



Sacred Heart Teddington

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Parish Newsletter



27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK III

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

When a righteous person turns away from righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. When a wicked person turns away from wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. (Ezekiel 18:25-28) Sometimes life is cruel to us and we take it out on others, with cruelty, hurt, violence, abusive behaviour. We may gloat over that or it may cause us hurt, guilt and remorse. Sometimes others treat us that way. It's the lot of a tortured soul, and the individual soul lives it externally with a long face and heavy demeanour. Don Orione wrote prolifically "Souls, Souls" and like Padre Pio fought to save souls. Jesus emptied himself by dying on the cross and creating a void within to fill himself with love for us. He hurts when we hurt. He rejoices when we repent/convert.

POPE LEO XIV PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER – For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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. 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 FOR PRAYER: Weekdays: Mon, Tues & Fri 8am–10am & 3pm–6pm. Weds & Thurs & weekend 8am–6pm.

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

RCIA: Starts at St. James Twickenham on **Thursday 1 October**. For those wishing to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter.

ALPHA 2026/27: Wednesday 30 September – 9 December. Please spread the word for candidates and helpers who may wish to join the next group. Please see our website to sign up – alternatively please use this link

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNrNnuJZifJKq7J7JNXgJ3nPYbYUxi0-MbTjUtXLCF0oKg/viewform>

PADRE PIO FIRST MONDAY READING GROUPS: October 5th onwards. **PADRE PIO RETREATS** Saturday 17 October, 12 December.

PADRE PIO FEAST DAY MASS AT SACRED HEART This was well attended and many went to confession. A really lovely evening.

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. Good for films, café setting, have a meal together, meetings ...

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.) **Dates available:** Tues 6th Oct, Mon 12th Oct and finally 19th Oct – all between the times of 6.00pm – 7.30pm; 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.

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.

NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day 4th October **COMING SOON:** World Mission Sunday 18th October

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: Evangelii Gaudium Appeal raised £80.00; 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 £194.84 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

SALVATION ARMY 3rd and 4th October are celebrating **140 years of being established in their present building at 27 Church Road**, Teddington TW11 8PF. Saturday Community Coffee Morning 11.00am – 2pm; Sunday Morning meeting 10.30am; Anniversary celebration 2pm. They are asking social services what help is needed in Teddington. see poster in church

POPE LEO XIV: The Holy See Press Office has released the programme for Pope Leo XIV’s upcoming Apostolic Journey to South America in November, which will see him visit Uruguay, Argentina and Peru and travel to ten cities over twelve days. 6-8 November: Uruguay The motto for this stage of the visit will be “I bring you news of great joy”. 8–11 November: Argentina The motto for this stage will be “Welcome everyone. Go and proclaim”. 11-17 November: Peru The motto for this stage of the trip is “Let us open our hearts”.

ARCHBISHOP THANKS THOSE WHO UNITED TO DEFEAT ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: The Archbishop of Liverpool, John Sherrington, and Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Bishops’ Conference, has offered his gratitude and thanks to those who wrote to their MPs to stop the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill progressing through parliament. Archbishop Sherrington also expressed his gratitude to disability rights groups and legal and healthcare professionals for raising a collective voice to uphold “the dignity and sanctity of every life.”

CHURCH LIFE: Snagging: Extra electrical sockets have been fitted in the Sanctuary for the ease of day to day activities and thinking ahead - planning for events using musical instruments on the sanctuary. Touch-up painting has begun. We expect 4 slipped slates on the main roof and a couple on the porch roof to be sorted next week. Gates will also be refitted. This is maintenance. We are moving towards mission so again we are calling for volunteers to fill gaps such as visiting the sick (DBS clearance needed); rotas needed for tea and coffee set up and clear away at weekend Masses. More helpers for church cleaning. Why not offer as family service within the church ... I speak so much of Divine providence and how Providence reigns and Providence rains. I cannot help speaking of it because it’s in my blood – I live it and breathe it! Providence knocks on our door through volunteering, through donations & grants. **Providence knocking**

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER: LINKING WITH CARITAS ST JOSEPH FOR AN INCLUSIVE MASS We had a very successful evening with Mass followed by tea/coffee and cakes. Thanks for the helpers of various roles. We welcomed visitors. They appreciated our welcome & hospitality. The chair formation was conducive for serene, small group gatherings. It shows how we can host café sessions in the future,

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.

UK PRAYS: Will be saying a public First Saturday rosary for the return of our nation to Christ on Saturday October 3rd at 12-12.30pm at the Lion Gate, Hampton Court Palace, Hampton Court Road,KT8 9DD a side gate opposite Bushy Park. Do not go to the main palace entrance. See link for transport and parking <https://www.hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace/visit/getting-here/>.

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. *If you give me feedback – it’s an opportunity for a Sacred Heart Church dementia café .*

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? See Fr. Stephen

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: **27th Sept** Teddington Memorial Hospital Emma Hughes; **4th Oct** Hampton Wick Baptist Church Rev Grantham Wash; **11th Oct** Christ Church Rev Dominic Stockford

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
4th October
(27th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year A)

Isa 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9
Matt 21:33-43

PARISH INFORMATION
Fr Stephen Beale FDP, Parochial Administrator
Parish administrator: Philippa 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:**
Next Sunday @ SDP Chapel, 2.30pm-3.30pm (23 Lower Teddington Rd, Hampton Wick, KT1 4EU)

Next week’s Mass Intentions

Saturday	26 th Sept	Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs	9.30-11.00am 6pm	Holy Hour and confessions Patricia Mullins b'day int
Sunday	27 th Sept	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30am 11.15am	Reynaldo Bautista RIP Bridget Hartney RIP 1 st anniv
Monday	28 th Sept	St Wenceslaus, Martyr; Ss Lawrence Ruiz, and Companions, Martyrs	09.30am	Special intention
Tuesday	29 th Sept	Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels	09.30am	Intention parishioners & benefactors
Wednesday	30 th Sept	St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church	09.30am 6.30pm	Int parish youth & Uni students
Thursday	1 st Oct	St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin Doctor of the Church	No Mass	Donor's intention
Friday	2 nd Oct	The Holy Guardian Angels	09.30am	Donor's intention
Saturday	3 rd Oct	Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30-11.00am 6pm	Donor's intention
Sunday	4 th Oct	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30am 11.15am	Donor's intention