



Sacred Heart Teddington

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Parish Newsletter



6TH SEPTEMBER 2026

23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 3

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

Brothers and sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments [...] are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. (Romans 13:8-10) Love is wonderful when lived according to God's will. It may be deceptive ... we can be deceived or we can deceive ourselves or others – all in the name of love! We must ask for God's grace through the power and working of the Holy Spirit to discern how best to live the commandments in our lives and to aid others to do the same. Love goes deeper than our emotions and impulses. A strong prayer life can strengthen us greatly as does invoking the Holy Family.

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. **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: Welcome back everyone after the Summer break, I hope parishioners are returning refreshed and energised. Good luck to Sacred Heart school and all students whichever level of education, for the new scholastic year. 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...

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.

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, Missio, SPUC are asking the parish to nominate reps – please come forward.

NEXT WEEKEND 2ND COLLECTION: 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 £267.95 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

FR. MALCOLM DYER FDP spent many years as a student and as a priest in London and Upholland, Lancashire. Local to Kingston he was novice master, superior and local delegate. He has also spent many years in Kenya working with students and supporting care of people with disabilities. He is celebrating 50 years priestly ordination and about to celebrate his 80th birthday. Congratulations Fr. Malcolm.

ON 31 AUGUST 2026 THE REMAINS OF THE MOTHER OF ST. LUIGI ORIONE WERE TRANSLATED TO THE SHRINE IN TORTONA.

POPE AT AUDIENCE: DO NOT GIVE IN TO HATRED; DO NOT LET EVIL DISFIGURE HUMANITY In his homily for Mass in Castel Gandolfo on 29 August, Pope Leo XIV reflected on the beauty of “simple gestures” of devotion and emphasizes that, in a world that dismisses forgiveness as naive, believing in God can become a pathway toward peace. See Vatican News for the link / full article.

ARCHBISHOP PAUL GALLAGHER VISITS RUSSIA TO DISCUSS PEACE Please follow the link of connect with Vatican News. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2026-08/the-holy-see-a-diplomacy-that-believes-in-peace.html>

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

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> Please promote and support hospice care.

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)

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.

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

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. Report any suspicious messages and the phone numbers to Action Fraud <https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/>.

FAKE POLICE OFFICERS Met police have warned about fake officers door knocking and taking money in the Teddington area. Richmond police said: "We've had reports of suspects claiming to be police officers asking the public to withdraw money to aid in our investigations. "This is a SCAM. Do not give couriers money for police "Call us on 101/999 if you receive a call if asked by 'police' for money." **Be vigilant about this scam.** See Teddington Hub News.

RICHMOND POLICE FURTHER SCAM WARNINGS Beware of people watching over the shoulder or being helpful at car park machines.

FAREWELL USA VERONICA and AUSSI PAT. Our visitors are always a blessing for the parish. We will miss you. Come back soon!

READINGS FOR 13th September (24th Sunday, Ord time in Year A Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9 Matt 18:21-34	PARISH INFORMATION Fr Stephen Beale FDP, Parochial Administrator <i>Parish administrator:</i> Phillippa Chaney, in the office Mon and Fri, 9am-3pm <i>Parish website</i> (including newsletter: https://sacredheartteddington.org/ <i>Email:</i> teddington@rcdow.org.uk, Telephone: 020 8977 2986 <i>Bookkeeper:</i> Juste: teddingtonbk@rcdow.org.uk In office: Tuesdays 10.30am-2.30pm Safeguarding: Estella Weston (teddingtonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) <i>Mass times:</i> 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: This Sunday @ SDP Chapel, 2.30pm-3.30pm (23 Lower Teddington Rd, Hampton Wick, KT1 4EU)
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Next week's Mass Intentions

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)
Monday	7 th Sept	Week 23 of ordinary time	09.30am	Special intention
Tuesday	8 th Sept	Birthday, Blessed Virgin Mary (feast)	09.30am	Int Bella
Wednesday	9 th Sept	Week 23 of ordinary time	09.30am	Stefano Luigi Vernazzo RIP
Thursday	10 th Sept	Week 23 of ordinary time	No Mass	John Sewell RIP
Friday	11 th Sept	Week 23 of ordinary time	09.30am	John Sewell RIP
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	Week 24 of ordinary time	09.30am 11.15am	Manuel Pechau RIP Bernard Miller RIP BD Anniv