



Sacred Heart Teddington

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Parish Newsletter



11TH OCTOBER 2026 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME PRAYER FOR PRISONERS WEEK PSALTER WEEK IV

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. [...] He sent other servants ...' (Matt 22:1-10). It's a repetition of last week. Servants are sent, they are seized, treated shamefully and some killed. **Then the king was angry and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants to gather good and bad alike from the streets to fill the wedding hall with guests.** The moral of the story is that we are all called to the wedding feast in God's kingdom, saints and sinners. Saints enter. Repentant sinners will also have a place. Sometimes the sinners jump the queue through repentance & conversion. **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.

COMING SOON TO SACRED HEART — NEW ADULT ART CLASSES: Would you love to learn to draw and paint, develop your existing skills, or return to art after time away? Friendly, structured adult painting and drawing classes with local artist and experienced tutor *Anna Tikhomirova* will be starting here at Sacred Heart in November, with a choice of evening or morning classes. Beginners and more experienced artists are equally welcome. For more details, please visit: annie-domini.com and click on "art tuition".

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

PADRE PIO FIRST MONDAY READING GROUPS: November 2nd onwards. **PADRE PIO RETREATS** Saturday 17 October **cancelled**

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:** 19th Oct **only** – between the time 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. There are a few vacancies in specific year groups if you have older children who require an in-year school place. School office tel: **020 8977 6591**

PRISONERS WEEK: This October, churches across the UK will unite once again for Prisoners Week, the annual ecumenical initiative calling Christians to prayer and action for all those affected by imprisonment. Prisons Week 2026 begins with Prisoners' Sunday on 11th Oct and runs through to 17th Oct. Archbishop Richard Moth encourages us to support PACT. *With prayers if not financially. Thanks*

THIS WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION: PACT Prisoner Sunday **Next week:** World Mission Sunday 18th October

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day raised £200.00 Thank you for your support and welcoming of CAFOD speakers.

PARISH FINANCES: Thank you for supporting The Sacred Heart September S.O. £4,367.00; Contactless: £315.00; Building Fund £5190.00; Standing Order £890.00; Last Sunday plate collection £313.71 Pls consider 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**

PROCESSION AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESSEN 18 October 7pm, 1 Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX prayer for vocations

A 'WHITE MASS' for all health care workers Monday 19 October at 7.00pm at St. Raphael's Church, Portsmouth Road, Kingston
The 'White Mass', named for the white coats and lab coats worn by medical staff, offers people in healthcare professions the chance to come together and pray for God to bless and guide their healing work. The White Mass tradition began in the United States early 1930s.

VATICAN TO RELEASE “THE PRIVATE DIARY OF POPE FRANCIS”, A BOOK BY CARDINAL FERNÁNDEZ:

The Vatican Publishing House will release The Private Diary of Pope Francis, a book by Cardinal Víctor Manuel Fernández, 24 November in five languages across 94 countries. It will offer insight into the late Pope’s inner life through notes he kept between 1992 and 2024. The book offers a deeper understanding of the personality and inner life of the Jesuit Pope, who led the Catholic Church from 13 March 2013 until his death on 21 April 2025. The Private Diary of Pope Francis will be released simultaneously worldwide in five languages and distributed in 94 countries on 24 November. The Italian edition will be published by the Vatican Publishing House; the Spanish, English and Portuguese editions by the respective branches of Penguin Random House; and the French edition by Éditions Albin Michel.

THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY: Specifically October, is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and Mary, the Queen of the Rosary. This month was established by the Church to encourage individuals and families to pray the Rosary daily for peace and protection. The tradition dates back to the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, where the Rosary was prayed for victory, and the Church recognized its intercession with the Virgin Mary. The feast of the Holy Rosary is celebrated on October 7th, marking the anniversary of this victory. At the weekend, Pope Leo prayed the rosary with some children in the Vatican gardens and with many more united at the same time around the world. Pray: **World Peace**

JUBILEE GARDEN PROJECT ... SEASON OF CREATION: A journey towards 2033 exploring how our gardens can become spaces for renewing faith, mission, belonging and community - jubileegarden.org - As this Jubilee year draws to a close, we look ahead to the Jubilee of Redemption 2033, which marks the 2000th Anniversary of the resurrection of Jesus. This leads us into an Octave of Prayer and Evangelisation corresponding to the 8 days of Creation. The 8th day symbolising the New Creation in the Resurrection of Jesus. This is why a baptismal font often has 8 sides. We are baptised as gardeners in the new creation. This Jubilee Garden project is also a pilgrimage or journey as a community from “Pilgrims of Hope” 2025 to “Garden of the Resurrection” 2033. This project is a collaborative one where the concept has been built together with the Journey to 2030 Network, who met in November. While we provide the concept and a network, the Jubilee Garden Project, is an invite for parishes to use the space available as places of renewal of the mission entrusted of us.

CHURCH LIFE: What news can I share this week? I feel that we are getting close to being able to start the areas that I wished for my bucket list support groups – the circles are starting to overlap and come together with the Sacred Heart at the centre of it. Helpers and interested volunteers are coming forward which is wonderful, and it shows that these areas could become a reality. I would like to draw attention and support to the advertised Art Classes; it is daunting when you want to start something new, and you don’t know if anyone will come forward and join – please take time to visit the web page which gives you more details. Our brass gates at both front altars are looking super polished – thanks to the polisher – they look lovely. We desperately need some more helpers for Church cleaning and tea/coffee after weekend Masses – please let us know and times can be arranged to suit individuals or little teams. Of the snagging, more painting has been done, and we await the entrance gates to be re-hung. We are looking for an effective way to close the church windows. Good news: £1300.00 has been received for sale of the original aisle lamp shades and allocated to the building fund. ALPHA is under way. If anyone wishes to contribute towards the cost of evening meals there is an option on the newly installed PAYAZ machines. Thank you.

KNIFE CRIME REDUCTION FORUM: Small acts, wider impact - what can we do about knife crime? Thursday 22nd October, 7-8.30pm. Caritas Westminster, the Justice & Peace team of St Mellitus, Tollington Park, and Operation Forgiveness are hosting their second online event on knife crime. This session will explore practical ways parishes and schools can take action.

More details and to sign up: <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/knife-crime-reduction-forum-small-acts-wider-impact/>
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 .*

A DAY WITH MARY: Is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 7 November 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm). The Most Reverend Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster will be the Celebrant & Preacher at 10.30am Cathedral Mass on that day. Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/>

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
CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – PRAYER ROTA: 11th Oct Christ Church Rev Dominic Stockford; 18th Oct St Michael’s Church Rev Ed Kendall; 18th Oct St Michael’s Church Rev Ed Kendall; 25th Oct St Mary with St Alban, Rev David Cloake

NEXT WEEKEND’S READINGS

18th October

(29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A)

Isa 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5

Matt 22:15-21

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)

Saturday	10 th Oct	St Paulinus of York, Bishop, Ss Denis, Bishop, and his Companions, Martyrs; St John Leonardi, Priest	9.30-11.00am 6pm	Holy Hour and confessions Bonnie and Sheila Burke RIP
Sunday	11 th Oct	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30am 11.15am	Parishioners and benefactors Tina Franz bd int
Monday	12 th Oct	St Wilfred, Bishop	09.30am	Special intention
Tuesday	13 th Oct	St Edward the Confessor	09.30am	Donor’s intention
Wednesday	14 th Oct	St Callistus I, Pope, Martyr	09.30am	Donor’s intention
Thursday	15 th Oct	St Teresa of Jesus Virgin, Doctor of the Church	No Mass	Donor’s intention
Friday	16 th Oct	St Hedwig, Religious; St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin	09.30am	Donor’s intention
Saturday	17 th Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr	9.30-11.00am 6pm	Donor’s intention
Sunday	18 th Oct	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30am 11.15am	Parishioners and benefactors Sr. Peter SP RIP