



Sacred Heart Teddington

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Parish Newsletter



4TH OCTOBER 2026

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK III

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the God of peace and understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:6-9). Paul goes on to tell us to live lives worthy of praise from God and experience joy, happiness and peace from him. Matthew speaks of the king's servants sent to harvest the fruit of the vineyard. Then they killed and then they killed his son. They will be put to a miserable death and the vineyard given to other tenants who will give him fruit in due season. "The stone rejected has become the corner stone; this was the Lord's doing, a marvel in our eyes"? *the fate ...* The kingdom of God will be taken away from you & given to a people producing its fruits.'

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

ALPHA 2026/27: We can still have guests "hop on the bus" for these next ALPHA sessions, so please spread the word!

Our evenings have started, and will continue until the 9th December. Please spread the word for candidates and helpers who may wish to join - Please see our website to sign up! There is still time to sign up. We had a nice evening on 30 September.

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:**

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.

THIS 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 £315.70 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: Pope: Europe must embrace its roots to build peace and unity. Pope Leo XIV addresses a meeting on “The Roots of Europe for Peace and Unity,” saying Europe’s Christian roots “help us understand more clearly that openness to the transcendent is always a constitutive part of the human person and a living source of civilization.” **Follow Pope Leo’s journeys on Vatican website.**

Adoremus National Eucharistic Congress: Is taking place in London this year on Saturday 10 October. The day will begin with Mass at St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, followed by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to Westminster Cathedral for Benediction, Vigil Mass and all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Join the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament from Southwark Cathedral, along the South Bank of the Thames, to Westminster Cathedral. The procession will begin at 3pm and it would be wonderful for as many as possible to join us for this public witness to our faith. The Procession will finish at 5pm with Solemn Benediction at Westminster Cathedral presided over by Bishop Jim Curry. This will be followed by Mass at 6 pm celebrated by Bishop Gerard Bradley, Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark. Please register your attendance at: <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/adoremus/>

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: The Autumn is upon us now, and the trees are starting to shed their leaves (not just from drought now!) and the Church is spinning in activity which is what we all wanted and prayed for! We have secured the sale of 12 of our old light fittings – proceeds to go towards the building fund. Everything helps! Thanks James for making this happen. 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. 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...** The lamps either side of the pipe organ have been replaced with new ones donated last year. The main gates are being re-fitted and realigned with hinges that will open wider than before. The brick pillars have been adjusted accordingly. Lower-level church painting almost complete.

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

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; **18th Oct** St Michael’s Church Rev Ed Kendall

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
11th October
(28th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year A)

Isa 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Matt 22:1-14

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	3rd Oct	Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30-11.00am 6pm	Holy Hour and confessions Arthur and Rae Dakin RIP
Sunday	4th Oct	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30am 11.15am	Parishioners and benefactors Phyliss and Harold Clarke RIP
Monday	5th Oct	St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin	09.30am	Special intention
Tuesday	6th Oct	St Bruno, Priest	09.30am	Marie Glynn RIP
Wednesday	7th Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary	09.30am	Edward Jones RIP
Thursday	8th Oct	Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass	Jack and Florence Huntley RIP
Friday	9th Oct	St John Henry Newman, Doctor of the Church	09.30am	Paul Franz bd int
Saturday	10th 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	11th Oct	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30am 11.15am	Donor’s intention Parishioners and benefactors