

Sacred Heart Teddington

sacredhearteddington.org

Parish Newsletter

15TH NOVEMBER 2026 | 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | PSALTER WEEK IV

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31) Christ is the groom, the church is the bride. He is the Head and we are the Body. We strive to serve Jesus through our loving faithfulness. As Jesus was helped, so we are so grateful to our volunteers who serve selflessly in many ways. The prayer of St. Francis of Assisi comes to mind: Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love; Where there is injury your pardon, Lord; And where there's doubt true faith in you. Oh, Master grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled as to console; To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love with all my soul! Let's cultivate our own soul & help others to cultivate theirs.

POPE LEO XIV PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER – For the proper use of wealth. Let's pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027: Closing date Mon 7thDec 26. Please think about this Sacrament if your Child/ren are in the current Yr 3 class or above – start date Jan 2027 Date TBC. 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 17 Jan 2027**. Pls contact Pippa teddington@rcdow.org.uk for more info and the registration link.

HIRE THE HALL: Please contact the office to check availability and pricing. Good for films, café setting, have a meal together, meetings.

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**

UP & COMING 2ND COLLECTIONS: Sick and Retired Priests 15th November. Youth Service 22nd November. Missionary Orders Annual Appeal - The Spiritans 5th/6th Dec. **THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE** World Missions raised **£287.46** thank you for your generosity.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – THIS WEEKEND Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously. You can make a one-off donation or set up a regular gift and become a Patron by completing section 4 on the envelope form or donate online at rcdow.org.uk/SRP – the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code'.

PARISH FINANCES: **Thank you for supporting The Sacred Heart OCTOBER** S.O. £3,967.00; Contactless: £213.00; Building Fund £2294.00; Standing Order £915.00; Last Sunday plate collection £292.83 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. 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**

ALPHA AND DIVINE RENOVATION LONDON MISSION DAY FEEDBACK Sacred Heart: a big physical church, comes from a low base of 30 people, because of its history and has now grown a small congregation (<200); A typical congregation member can think; Where do I fit in? - What's in it for me?- Why should I invest my time? Perhaps with some cynicism too; Most Catholics rush into church, attend mass, and go home afterwards and so have no built relationships or community or speaking to another person except at Time of Peace; People need a personal encounter with Jesus first; Currently, difficult to raise new volunteers; Most of us are resistant to change (UK) preferring to stay with the way it's always been done; Acknowledge every person vs strengths; A personal invite is needed (J's story); SLT meeting: Share joy, challenge and pray; Need short follow on from Alpha to keep group engaged/growing/building relationships, then hopefully into small groups [lack of desire to sign up for long term]; Follow up with relationships /discussions outside Alpha, broader discussions over coffee.pub etc.; Hospitality is key for Alpha - way food is done can be different - challenge of youth; donuts and strawberries, people with food issues. Make sure hospitality includes all, despite food preferences. "We are so glad you are here"; Serve them well; Do Alpha before RCIA so encounter with Jesus happens first. Early Fathers building relationships first before teaching; What is plan for training on formation & mission post Alpha?; Mass to be a place of real joy; Alpha group size - 8 max. People always want more time in discussion; Active listening & trust so important; **Next steps?** Who might serve on SLT team? FACT Faithful/Available/Contagious/Teachable. ***We had a great day!***

POPE LEO: Pope in Argentina: 'May Christ's love triumph over all individualism and exclusion'. Pope Leo XIV visited the Don Orione Care Center in Claypole, Argentina, on the second day of his Apostolic Journey to the country, spending time with the staff and people receiving care there. The Holy Father arrived in Buenos Aires on Sunday afternoon, after concluding his visit to Uruguay. During his visit, the Pope commended the work and commitment of those who serve there, describing the Cottolengo as a place where charity is visible in everyday gestures and relationships. In his remarks, the Holy Father stressed that people with disabilities are not a burden on society, but a blessing. A true measure of a nation's progress "The values of dignity, belonging, and fraternal friendship that distinguish places like this," Pope Leo XIV, "have much to say to our societies, which are often driven solely by the pursuit of economic success or the cult of outward appearance." Founded in 1935 by St Luigi Orione, the Pequeño Cottolengo is a centre dedicated to welcoming and caring for people with disabilities. The Pope went on to observe that "a nation's progress is also measured by how it welcomes all people with disabilities and particular needs." Addressing the future of Argentina, Pope Leo expressed his hope that thousands of young people would volunteer in works of charity and that a new generation of saints devoted to charity might emerge in the country. He also encouraged everyone to respond to the universal call to holiness by placing their gifts at the service of those most in need. He also recalled the relic of Don Orione's heart kept in the community's chapel, describing it as a testament to the deep bond between the Italian priest and Argentina. Finally, Pope Leo XIV reiterated that "only charity will save the world," because "God is love." – Vatican News.
RIGHT TO LIFE UK: We really appreciate your prayers and support for our work and would be very grateful if you continue to include us in your prayers however you feel is most appropriate. Here are some suggested intentions: **15th November** "Tomorrow, we will celebrate the feast of St Margaret of Scotland, who was a great lover of the poor. We ask St Margaret to teach us this same love. May we be like her, loving and supporting the most vulnerable in society, the poor, the helpless, the sick, the dying and the unborn. Lord hear us". 22nd November "As we contemplate the kingship of Christ, we ask that He rule each of our hearts. We pray that He guides the hearts of lawmakers to protect all human life, especially the most vulnerable: the unborn and the dying. Lord hear us". 29th November "As we ponder the hope found in the second coming of our saviour, we pray for all those in need of hope. We pray esp. for those contemplating having an abortion, that they would be reminded of the hope God brings and His fundamental desire for our good. Lord hear us". 6th December "On Saturday we will celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn. We ask for her intercession for every child at risk of abortion and to help expectant parents welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Lord hear us".
UPCOMING LOCAL BABY LOSS SUPPORT SERVICE: 29th November at 3pm in Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. We will be hosting our Mariposa International Saying Goodbye Services. Anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We have also extended the services, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. This may be due to circumstance, infertility, or for other reasons - but all are welcome. Babies and children are also invited to come with their families, as the Saying Goodbye service is truly a family event for all. www.sayinggoodbye.org
CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – PRAYER ROTA: 15th Nov Sacred Heart Church Rev Stephen Beale; **22nd Nov** National Physical Laboratory Christian Fellowship Helen McEvoy; **29th Nov** St John's Church Rev Jerry Field
CARITAS WESTMINSTER – UPCOMING EVENTS: Over the next few weeks, Caritas Westminster will be hosting a number of events open to parishioners, volunteers and anyone interested in learning more about how we can support and welcome people in our communities. **Beyond the Surface:** Understanding Trauma 18 November 7.00–9.30pm Online An accessible and practical session (led by Nikki Dhillon Keane, Head of Caritas Hope and BACP-accredited therapist) exploring how trauma can affect people's experiences and behaviour, and how we can respond in ways that promote safety, dignity and trust. Particularly useful for those volunteering in foodbanks, homelessness projects and other community settings, this session is open to all. To register, sign up here- caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/beyond-the-surface-understanding-trauma/ **Caritas Advent Giving Calendar** Sr. Silvana notes: in previous years **Sacred Heart** has taken part in the Caritas Advent Giving Calendar. This enables parish communities to have an Advent focus on helping others, through collecting items (food, toiletries, cleaning products, festive treats) to donate to a local project. More details, registration here – Caritas Advent Giving Calendar: One day at a time - Caritas Westminster **CARITAS WESTMINSTER wanted: JUSTICE AND PEACE PARISH CONTACT PERSON** to provide point of contact with the Westminster J & P Commission. A role description is available. Interested? See Fr. Stephen
MISSIO RED BOX COLLECTION from the church raised £28.28; another Red Mission Box from a parishioner raised £18.50 Thank you
MISSIO are **looking for a parish rep willing to take charge of distribution and return** of **RED MISSION BOXES**

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
22nd November
(Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**, Year A)**

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Matt 25:31-46

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://sacredhearteddington.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	14th Nov	Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30am – 11.00 6pm	Adoration and Confession Marie & Jean Blanc intentions
Sunday	15th Nov	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	09.30am 11.15am	Parishioners and benefactors Jeanne Franz birthday intention
Monday	16th Nov	St Margaret of Scotland; St Gertrude, Virgin; St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop	09.30am	Special intention
Tuesday	17th Nov	St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious; St Hilda, abbess St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop	09.30am	Dr. Phyliss D'Netto RIP
Wednesday	18th Nov	The Dedication of the Basilicas of the Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles	09.30am	Todd Curled & parents (get well)
Thursday	19th Nov	Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass	June Hadyn RIP
Friday	20th Nov	Weekday in Ordinary Time	09.30am	Liz Lisac (get well)
Saturday	21st Nov	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am – 11.00 6pm	NO HOLY HOUR Patrick Forley & Racheal RIP
Sunday	22nd Nov	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	09.30am 11.15am	Parishioners and benefactors Phyllis & Harold Clarke RIP