

Sacred Heart Teddington

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Parish Newsletter

29TH NOVEMBER 2026 | 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | PSALTER WEEK I

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3b-8 But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are the work of your hand. With the start of a new liturgical year, it's opportune to stop and take stock and to allow the Lord to take hold of us and reshape us. There may be minor tweaks and there may be radical reforming / reshaping. For this to be effective we must be open to his love and grace. We will feel the difference. Our soul will be more at peace and we can experience an inner joy, difficult to explain … There may be things to bring to confession – overloading gives a sense of freedom from what weighs us down. This is staying awake for Jesus … we don't know the time or the hour when we will be called. Jesus tells us stay awake. We pray Maranatha – Come Lord Jesus, Come …
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: Please see the link to sign up directly for the registration for Confirmation '27 https://tinyurl.com/3nk3kvu2 If your child/ren are in the current Yr 9 at Secondary School, please speak with them/friends about this third important Sacrament.

CONFESSIONS in preparation for Christmas Sacred Heart 20th 3pm-5pm; St. Francis de Sales December 21st at 7.30pm

IF YOU HAVE BEEN BEREAVED and feel you may not have come to terms with your loss, we hope you will benefit from attending The Bereavement Journey. Gather Church is running The Bereavement Journey in person over 6 weekly sessions. Sessions 1-6: Open to everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Session 7 (21st February): An optional extra session focusing on spiritual matters. Anyone 18 years+ for whom someone important has died at any time is welcome. There is a £5 charge for the guest manual. Pls contact Gather Church Courses Page or call their office on 020 8977 7733.

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**

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: Youth Service raised £80.00 Thanks for your support.

UP & COMING 2ND COLLECTIONS: Next weekend Missionary Orders Annual Appeal - The Spiritans 5th/6th Dec.

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 £299.12 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**

YOUTH CAFÉ (FOR 10-14 YEAR-OLDS) AT THE PETER AND PAUL CENTRE: SATURDAYS (DURING TERM TIME) 5-6:30PM. Free entry and free food. No need to book. A welcoming inclusive environment for school years 6-9. A great place to hang out! Peter and Paul Centre, Bychurch End, Teddington, TW11 8PS Bus Routes: 33, 281, 285, 481, R68 and SL7

HELP NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT THE CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT ST MARY WITH ST ALBAN PARISH HALL IS A SUCCESS. CALL FOR GUESTS. CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS. ***CALL FOR GUESTS.*** **Christmas Day lunch– Would you like to come? The Churches in Teddington are again inviting the elderly and those who are alone on Christmas Day to join them for a Traditional Christmas meal. This year it will be held in the St Mary with St Alban Parish Hall, Langdon Road, Teddington TW11 9HF** *There will also be entertainment, mince pies and other refreshments plus a chance to join in Carols and other activities.* Transport can be provided for those who need it. If you would like to attend or volunteer to help then please contact **Debra on 07459 87 82 52** or email on CTTChristmas2026@gmail.com to register ***CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS.*** **Help needed to ensure that the Christmas Day lunch at St Mary with St Alban Parish Hall is a success.** Each year Churches in Teddington invite the elderly and those who are alone on Christmas Day to join them for a Traditional Christmas meal, mince pies and other refreshments, plus a chance to join in Carols and other activities. **VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED AS DRIVERS** (especially the afternoon slot about 3.30 pm), musicians and entertainers and to help with food preparation (cooking), serving and washing up. If you can help in any way, no matter how small, then please contact or email on **Sandy on 07578 51 22 33** CTTChristmas2026@gmail.com **Your help will be much appreciated. Thank you**

TEDDINGTON LIGHTS-ON As always this was a lovely event drawing the community together. Thanks to the Sacred Heart School for singing carols & for the parents, families and friends supporting them. Then we joined Churches Together in Teddington carol singing.

POPE LEO: Pope Leo at lunch with the poor: "Today, we are all one family" The 1,300 people experiencing poverty warmly welcome Pope Leo XIV, who arrived at around 1 p.m. in the Paul VI Audience Hall to share lunch with those invited. They participated thanks to charitable organizations that provide daily material and spiritual support in Rome to vulnerable persons whose lives have been marked by hardship, war, and unrelenting suffering. Children greeted the Pope enthusiastically, while everyone stood to listen to him when he welcomed them with their applause expressing their gratitude for this tradition, which began in 2017 on the first World Day of the Poor. "To all those who made it possible for us to come together at this moment through their support, generosity, and service; the Italian Red Cross is also present here, and we wish to thank them today, along with all of you. Today, we are all one family."

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

HOME-START RICHMOND, KINGSTON & HOUNSLOW: Recruiting volunteers for our next free six-week Volunteer Preparation Course, starting in February 2027 in Whitton. Home-Start is a local charity supporting families with children under five who are facing challenging circumstances. Our trained parent volunteers provide friendship, emotional and practical support to families who may be experiencing difficulties such as post-natal depression, bereavement, disability, isolation or family breakdown. Volunteering for just two hours a week can make a significant difference to a family's life. We welcome people with parenting experience who would like to use their skills and experience to support other families in their local community. Full training and ongoing support are provided. Please see poster at the front of the Church with the QR code to scan.

LIFE STORIES RETURNS WITH MORE REMARKABLE LOCAL MEMORIES - THE SECOND VOLUME OF LIFE STORIES: Produced by the Teddington & Hampton Wick Voluntary Care Group with the support of the Hampton Wick Association, is out now. Following the success of the first edition, Life Stories Volume 2 brings together another fascinating collection of first-hand memories from some of the longest-living people in our community. Among them is the story of the campaign to save Teddington Memorial Hospital in the 1980s; memories of seeing the Rolling Stones in Richmond before they were famous; a childhood in Nazi Germany and escape to England; life as a dancer in the early days of television; and a Royal Navy career that included encounters with Winston Churchill and Lord Mountbatten. There are strong Hampton Wick connections too, from memories of Park Road and the village in the 1960s to the campaign that helped stop a major road development and led to the formation of the Hampton Wick Association itself. The stories were researched and written by the Care Group, with the HWA once again helping with the design, layout, production and printing of the 48-page booklet. As well as preserving some wonderful local memories, Life Stories highlights the work of the Care Group, whose volunteers provide practical help, lifts, shopping and social activities for older people across Teddington and Hampton Wick. Look out for your free copy of Life Stories Volume 2.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – PRAYER ROTA: 29th Nov St John's Church Rev Jerry Field; **6th Dec** Teddington Baptist Church Rev Johnathan Findlater; **13th Dec** Sons of Divine Providence Rev Stephen Beale

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.

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

ALPHA AND DIVINE RENOVATION LONDON MISSION DAY FEEDBACK See this at the back of the church. **AND MOVING TOWARDS MISSION:** My Café bucket list cancer, dementia, special needs outreach, stepping out of loneliness is emerging. Pls pray: can you help?

SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER AND CONFESSION will return on 5 December. Apologies that I have other appointments in November.

CCTV "The parish CCTV system is now fully operational and recording for the safety and security of all who visit our church and parish facilities". Any queries or questions please contact Pippa: teddington@rcdow.org.uk

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
6th December
(2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B)

Isa 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Pet 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

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: Next Sunday*** *@ SDP Chapel, 2.30pm-3.30pm (23 Lower Teddington Rd, Hampton Wick, KT1 4EU)*

Next week's Mass Intentions

Saturday	28th Nov	Weekday in Ordinary Time	6pm	NO HOLY HOUR Rita Forshaw (sick)
Sunday	29th Nov	1st Sunday of Advent	09.30am 11.15am	Parishioners and benefactors Claudia Balestrieri RIP
Monday	30th Nov	St Andrew, Apostle, patron of Scotland	09.30am	William Houston RIP
Tuesday	1st Dec	Weekday in Ordinary Time	09.30am	Special intention
Wednesday	2nd Dec	Weekday in Ordinary Time	09.30am	Philip Boyden RIP
Thursday	3rd Dec	St Francis Xavier, Priest	No Mass	Brendan (sick)
Friday	4th Dec	St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church	09.30am	*Donor intention*
Saturday	5th Dec	Weekday in Ordinary Time	09.30-11.00 6pm	Adoration and Confessions *Donor intention*
Sunday	6th Dec	2nd Sunday of Advent	09.30am 11.15am	*Donor intention* Parishioners and benefactors