



Sacred Heart Teddington

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# Parish Newsletter

23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week III

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

“The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour.” (Luke 1 1-4, 4:14-21)

In the week of Christian unity, we are reminded of Jesus’ mission which is also our mission as Christians. We are all called and chosen. We are all special in the eyes of God and in our uniqueness we contribute to form one body joined to the head – Jesus. We welcome the different Church communities at 4pm for prayer as we ask ourselves, how can we at Sacred Heart Teddington become better connected to live out together the Mission entrusted to Jesus by the Father and passed on to us?

*Invite especially to families to read from the bible or from “Catholic Bible on-line”; display a crucifix in your houses. Place a picture, statue, icon of your favourite saint for all to see to inspire others. Google mysteries of the rosary and pray rosary together daily. Sunday & Wednesday Glorious mysteries; Monday & Saturday Joyful; Tuesday & Friday Sorrowful; Thursday Luminous or Light mysteries.*

## HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

*For true human fraternity* We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

## PARISH MATTERS AND NEWS FROM THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

**FR. DESMOND BAKER RIP** Fr. Stephen, Binny & John attended the funeral. His family asked us to thank parishioners for prayers.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL** – Mrs Bernadette Smith will be retiring later this year and our wonderful school is recruiting for its next headteacher. We give thanks for Mrs Smith’s tremendous contribution to the lives of the children of the parish. Those interested in applying for the role of Headteacher can find details at [www.eteach.com](http://www.eteach.com), with reference Eteach/TP070115.

**CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK 18-25 January 2022 – Sacred Heart Church are hosting on 23 January (TODAY!) at 4pm.** Please support this event of prayer and worship by joining Churches Together in Teddington and Hampton Wick. Volunteers needed to help serve tea and coffee, cake and biscuits afterwards. Welcomers please guide people to their seats and social hall. Music sorted.

**Church attendance** We are conscious that many families are unable to attend Mass because of Covid 19. Please be assured you are not forgotten but that you are missed and we remember you in prayer.

**Sons of Divine Providence** MULBERRY COURT, 25 KT1 4HB now open - downsizing retirement apartments for sale.

**New to the parish?** Welcome! We are so pleased that you’ve joined us. Please email the parish office to register.

**Mass Intentions** – envelopes at the back of the church.

**Parish communications** - knock on the door, telephone or send an email. If no answer, leave a message and we’ll get back to you.

**Parish Safeguarding Representative** Estella Weston, who can be reached at: [teddingtonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:teddingtonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk).

**Parish finances** - our grateful thanks to all parishioners who continue to support the parish financially. **December:** S.O. & envelopes £2169.00; Loose plate & Contactless £629.42; Missio £150.19; Red boxes £42.87. Last Sunday’s Loose plate collection: Cash £51.04

**DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE** – we can now accept contributions using secure contactless card payments. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate and (if you are a UK taxpayer), opt-in for Gift Aid allowing the church to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. Thank you!

If you are a tax payer, please fill in a Gift Aid form, The parish can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give and it will not cost you any extra. **Please use the DONA facility in church to donate by bank card.** Standing Order Forms with Gift Aid info available.

**Contacting Traci, our bookkeeper** email [teddingtonbk@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:teddingtonbk@rcdow.org.uk) or ring between 1:30pm and 4:30pm on Thursdays in the parish office on 020 8977 2986 with any questions regarding donations, gift aid or parish finances.

## LECTIO DIVINA

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Pope Francis invites us to pray with Scripture: read a passage, choose a word or phrase; read it again, meditate (active thinking), and contemplate (sit in silence holding the thought). Re-read the text - ask God what he wants me to do ... act of charity, change your ways, forgive, help others in their journey, accept help in yours ... Sit, listen, pray, act. The Day by Day booklet is helpful!

## SACRAMENTS - ENROLLING NOW

**Baptism, First Confession, Holy Communion, Confirmation** we are gathering catechists to prepare candidates for the sacraments **Marriage in the parish** Please email the parish office - remember you must give at least six months' notice for marriage here in the UK, and more for overseas.

## POPE FRANCIS WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

NOT TOO LATE to hear from you and every one of us throughout the world via the Synod Journeying Together. More info about the Synod is available on [www.rcdow.org.uk/synod](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/synod) See an explanation by Cardinal Nichols and online listening events.

**Thank you for SHARING YOUR THOUGHTS and returning the forms provided.** We have collated the responses and submitted a summary to Westminster for inclusion in the wider process. We have embraced positive and negative contributions. We recognise the hunger of parishioners to live the faith and to grow in faith, hope and charity, and to recover from woundedness via solidarity.

**HOLY LAND** Please support Christians with prayer and/or donations. See posters in narthex.

**WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL** Westminster Cathedral Choir sings the best music of the last millennium and is looking for boys to join its great musical tradition. If you know a Year 2 or 3 boy (age 7 or 8) who loves to sing his heart out, enjoys a challenge and wants to be part of a friendly, happy team, tell him to contact [choirschool.com/admissions-year-4-chorister.php](http://choirschool.com/admissions-year-4-chorister.php) for details.

**ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE - VACANCIES:** the College is recruiting for a subject leader of Physics, a teacher of English and an Assistant Site Manager. Please see [www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/vacancies](http://www.strichardreynolds.org.uk/our-college/vacancies) for details.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGES** Northern Star Travel is now taking bookings for 2022 and 2023 pilgrimages to the Holy Land. £1095 per person sharing, £1350 in single room. Visit [northernstartravel.com](http://northernstartravel.com) or phone 0161 773 2115 for details.

**SCRIPTURE FESTIVAL** at St. Albans Cathedral 3 - 5 February [www.rcdow.org.uk/scripturefestival](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/scripturefestival)

**Omicron variant:** following points are to be followed in our churches:

- People displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- That hand sanitiser is available to those attending Church.
- Strong recommendation for people to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) during the act of worship.
- Ensure good ventilation and air throughput in the building; so important to wrap up well!
- For self and others, if possible, please get vaccinated and have the booster jab as available.
- Those engaged in a form of pastoral ministry to the housebound, sick and vulnerable: regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. These are free from NHS.

**Main mode of transmission:** through breath and nasal aerosols. Low risk from surface and touch transmission. No need to sanitise after Masses. General church cleaning is sufficient. Follow guidance points then the churches will continue to be safe places for people to gather for acts of public worship. **Further updates after next week's updates from Government ministers**

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

(30<sup>th</sup> Jan, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C)

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13;  
Luke 4:21-30

### PARISH INFORMATION

**Fr Stephen Beale FDP, Parochial Administrator** (for Fr. Reg Dunkling)

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**Mass times:** Sunday: 9.30am and 11.15am; Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.30am at Sacred Heart or 6.25pm at Sons of Divine Providence; Saturday: Mass 12 noon at Sons of Divine Providence (25 Lower Teddington Road, Hampton Wick, KT1 4HB)

### Next week's Mass Intentions

Day	Date	Intention	Time	Notes
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners Thanksgiving through O.L. of Guadalupe
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	St Francis de Sales	9.30am	Fr. Reg Dunkling
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle	9.30am	Mary Galligan RIP
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Ss Timothy and Titus	9.30am	Sean Murphy (school children attending)
Thursday	27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	St Angela Merici	No Mass	Please pray the rosary as a family
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	St Thomas Aquinas	9.30am	Sr. Mary Pass, Consecrated Virgin (birthday)
Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30-11am	Church open: Adoration and Confession
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners Hartley family intentions