



Sacred Heart, Teddington

Parish Newsletter

2ND JANUARY 2022 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

“May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saint will inherit” (Ephesians 1:16-18)

A new year begins. The Word of God speaks to all age groups. The Word inspires us and challenges us. The passage from St. Paul is a prayer for us. We are Christians - *saints in the making*. May we be receptive to the gift of wisdom, that enlightens our faith and enables us to journey with others on the path marked out for each of us leading us to him.

Listen in silence, ask how does the word speak to me? I invite each person or each family to have a bible or to read from “Catholic Bible on-line”. Let’s place a crucifix in our houses. Place a picture or statue or icon of your favourite saint for all to see as inspiration for others.

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 – please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Desmond Baker, Retired. He was curate in Sacred Heart Church assisting Fr. Patrick Lyons RIP.

A BIG THANK YOU to every one who gave Christmas cards, presents and plate offertory gifts and to everyone who helped to prepare the Church for Christmas celebrations. The church is clean and inviting and the parishioners were welcoming to visitors.

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 Please pray for the Sons of Divine Providence as we prepare for our next General Chapter in May/June this year with a General Assembly in Rome later this month. The Bridge magazine Christmas edition is available in hard copy at back of church and on-line: <https://www.orionecare.org/whats-new/publications/> Enjoy!
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: teddingtonsh@safeguardrcdow.org.uk.

Parish finances - our grateful thanks to all parishioners who continue to support the parish financially. **November:** S.O. & envelopes £2418.00; Loose plate & Contactless £629.42; Missio £150.19; Red boxes £42.87; Priests sick & retirement £147.00. Last Sunday’s Loose plate collection: Cash **£22.86**

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.

A note from our bookkeeper: Hello! I am helping in the parish office on Thursday afternoons keeping the parish accounts. Please email me with any questions regarding donations, gift aid or parish finances. My email address is teddingtonbk@rcdow.org.uk or ring me between 1:30pm and 4:30pm on Thursdays in the parish office on 020 8977 2986. Thank you for your kind generosity in supporting The Sacred Heart. Traci

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.

LECTIO DIVINA

“May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him”. (Ephesians 1:16-18) 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!

POPE FRANCIS WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Yes, Pope Francis would like to hear from you and every one of us throughout the world via the Synod Journeying Together. More information about the Synod is available on www.rcdow.org.uk/synod including an explanation by Cardinal Nichols and online listening events.

Dates next week for further Synod Listening groups for adults. In addition, for school children attending Mass (bring a friend who doesn't attend Mass). **SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS leaflets at the back of the church.** Please take one and return in to us a.s.a.p. so we can collate.

AFGHAN REFUGEE SUPPORT

Caritas provides support badly needed for those arrived from Afghanistan recently, particularly teaching English and finding accommodation. Also general befriending. See <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/afghan-refugees.php> for details how you can help.

MARY'S MEALS – A SIMPLE SOLUTION TO WORLD HUNGER

If you donate to Mary's Meals before 21 January 2022, your donation will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, to a maximum of £1.6m, allowing this wonderful charity to reach even more hungry children with school meals. Please see marysmeals.org.uk for details of its work and how to donate.

CRIB COLLECTION

Cardinal Vincent Nichols invites us to collect for Children's charity, as posted on doors of narthex.

DIARY DATE

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK 18-25 January 2022 – Sacred Heart church are hosting on 23 January at 4.00pm. Please support this event of prayer and worship by joining Churches Together in Teddington and Hampton Wick. Volunteers please for organising and serving tea and coffee, cake and biscuits afterwards.

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.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

(9th January, Baptism of the Lord)

Isa 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

PARISH INFORMATION

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

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Mass times: Sunday: 9.30am and 11.15am; weekdays: 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	Feast	Time	Intention
Sunday	2 nd Jan	Second Sunday after Christmas	9.30am 11.15am	New Year blessings for Sacred Heart Parish Keith Beale RIP
Monday	3 rd Jan	Most Holy Name of Jesus	9.30am	Fr. Reg Dunkling
Tuesday	4 th Jan		9.30am	Bob Ellwood RIP
Wednesday	5 th Jan		9.30am	Marian Mason RIP
Thursday	6 th Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord	9.30am 8pm	Tony Casey RIP Beale family intentions
Friday	7 th Jan		9.30am	Fr. Michael Moss FDP RIP
Saturday	8 th Jan		09.30-11.00	Church open: Adoration and Confession
Sunday	9 th Jan	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	9.30am 11.15am	Paul Cottrill RIP Sacred Heart Church Parishioners