



13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week II

## RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - TODAY

This year's Racial Justice Sunday takes the theme: "In the Image and Likeness of God", celebrating different presentations of the Holy Family from different countries and cultures. We are encouraged to mark the day by praying the words of Pope Francis in Fratelli Tutti:

*Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves.  
Amen.*

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

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Let us contemplate *aridity* that brings long term suffering and *abundance* that bears fruit of lasting joy and happiness. Salt is an image of the first – people who are suspicious or doubting - without faith; the latter an image of a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes (the worries, abusiveness, persecutions and tensions of life) it feels no alarm (trust in God) [...] it has no worries in a year of drought, (spiritual darkness) and never ceases to bear fruit.' (grace, mercy, light, peace abide)

**Preparing for Lent: using the bible;** "Catholic Bible on-line"; subscribe to Bible Alive; Magnificat; Walk with Me, Day by Day - all ages; 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. Spiritual reflections on YouTube – Bishop Robert Barron & others.

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

**Church attendance** We welcome individuals and families are unable to attend Mass because of Covid 19. Others, be assured are not forgotten but that they are missed. We remember you in prayer. **Polite request: Please continue to wear masks in church.**

**Recently deceased** Please pray for Sheila Fallon RIP who attended Sacred Heart until unable through ill health. Funeral here, be announced. We unite our condolences and prayers for Sheila's family and friends at this time of bereavement.

**Sons of Divine Providence** This year, 23 June we celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of St Luigi Orione. We have just heard a plenary indulgence has been granted by the Vatican for this occasion for religious and the wider family of St. Luigi Orione. This is a great honour for SDP. We are praying for new vocations to enable us to consolidate our works and to reach out to new horizons at home and abroad. Please follow our endeavours through The Bridge magazine available at back of church.

**ORIONE MISSION DAY** is March 13<sup>th</sup>, the Second Sunday of Lent. Closest to 12 March, anniversary of the death in 1940 of St. Luigi Orione. It's our Annual Appeal for our world missions. I hope we may hold a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection that weekend. The theme will be THE ORIONINE FAMILY ON THE SYNODAL MISSION. "We cannot be silent about what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20) This links with Pope Francis message for World Mission Sunday 2021 that is a challenge for all of us (see Vatican website).

MULBERRY COURT, 25 KT1 4HB (Hampton Wick) 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).

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

**Parish finances** - our grateful thanks to all parishioners who continue to support the parish financially. **January: S.O. & envelopes £2117.00; Loose plate £494.57; Contactless £126.00.** Last Sunday's Loose plate collection: Cash £84.10; Crib collection sent to Catholic Children's Society £120.00 (includes £30.00 collected Christian Unity Week)

**DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE** –contribute using secure contactless card payments 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! **Please use the DONA facility in church to donate by bank card.** Standing Order Forms with Gift Aid info available.

## A PASSIONTIDE CONCERT, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 7pm – tickets £18

Presented by Teddington Churches Singers & Teddington Consort, including Handel's Messiah and Bach's St John Passion

We hope to host the event here in our church, roof repairs permitting, but St Mary with St Alban will host if we cannot.

**POPE FRANCIS** asks that we remember Synod 2023 in our prayers. Follow on [www.rcdow.org.uk/synod](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/synod). Next Diocesan event 19th February. Please pray about how the parish can move forward, sharing gifts and talents in-church and reaching further afield

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY** *We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.*

### 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.

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

**HELPING OTHERS heart to heart** through prayer, hands on and financially. See [www...](http://www...) Aid to the Church in Need; help for Afghanistan & Ukraine; CAFOD, SDP in India, Kenya, Philippines; Jordan (Iraq refugees); Medecins Sans Frontieres; MISSIO; Friends of the Holy Land, SPUC and so many more. Thank you.

### CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge

200 million children are at deathly risk from malnutrition. This Lent, walk 200km to help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, get sponsored and you'll conquer your 200km target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To find out more or take part, go to [cafod.org.uk/walk](http://cafod.org.uk/walk).

**ST RICHARD REYNOLDS - VOLUNTEERS READERS AND SCRIBES** sought to assist students during 2022 GCSE exams (full training and guidance provided). Not appropriate for volunteers who have a family member taking GCSEs with StRRC this year. Email [k.trimble@srrcc.org.uk](mailto:k.trimble@srrcc.org.uk) or phone 020 8325 4630 before the end of March for details.

**Omicron variant:** following points with updates, 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.
- Hand sanitiser is available to those attending Church.
- Strong recommendation continues 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.
- Visits to the housebound, sick and vulnerable now permitted: ensure safe to do so. Practise good hygiene. Limit number of visits. Hymn books may now be used – singing from behind masks to reduce risk of spreading aerosol.
- Holy Communion – Body of Christ only. Eucharistic ministers must sanitise hands before and after distributing Holy Communion.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

(20<sup>th</sup> Feb, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C)

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;  
1 Cor 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

### PARISH INFORMATION

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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	Intention
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	David Weston RIP Parishioners
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ss Cyril and Methodius	9.30am	Fr. Reg Dunkling
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30am	John McCauley (sick)
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30am	Paul Davies (sick)
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Weekday in Ordinary Time	No Mass	Please pray the rosary as a family
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30am	Andre and Bernadette Dandy
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30-11am	Church open: Adoration and Confession
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners Jean Franz