



27TH FEBRUARY 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week IV

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

'Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? [...] Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye' (Lk 6:39-45)
We are approaching Lent. Time to look within ourselves and pick fault with ourselves before judging our brothers and sisters. This requires humility and the courage to face the darker side of ourselves. To give up food is good, to enrich the soul spiritually with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving / works of charity is better. Lord, open my mind, heart and will to your guidance; show me the Way.
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.

REFLECTIONS FOR LENT – ENCOUNTERING THE SPIRIT

The Westminster Diocese has prepared and recommends a faith-sharing resource for Lent 2022, 'Encountering the Spirit'. This resource is offered to encourage and enable the continuation of "spiritual conversations" begun during the parish listening phase of the diocesan synodal process. It can be used in many different ways; by existing small communities, by newly-formed groups in homes or at church, or by synodal parish gatherings during the week or after weekend or weekday Masses. 'Encountering the Spirit' comes as six attachments – an introduction, and five simple sheets, one for each of the five weeks of Lent as they correspond to each of the five Sunday Gospels during Lent. If you would like to look at these materials online, please visit: <https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/mission-and-discipleship/small-communities/>

A DAY WITH MARY Day of instruction, devotion & intercession based on message given at Fatima 1917 www adaywithmary.org

PARISH MATTERS AND NEWS FROM THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE – CHURCH HALL OPEN FOR MASSES

Church closure until further notice Apologies that the church is closed. It became apparent on Friday 17th Feb we had to close and was reinforced on Feb 19th at 9pm when plaster fell down and then on 22nd when more stress lines appeared across the ceiling. The storms have exacerbated the situation. Plans for structural investigations are underway. Scaffolding – crash platform is recommended the length of the church plus protection for the organ. **The church hall may be used - NO ENTRY INTO CHURCH**
CHURCH HALL OPEN FOR MASS The hall has been prepared for Sunday and weekday Masses. Seating for 50 including children.
REGULAR UPDATES via Sacred Heart parish and school websites, word of mouth and notices on church doors.

Government covid restrictions are lifted. The wearing of face masks discretionary. Having the jabs and boosters recommended.

Sons of Divine Providence This year, 23 June SDP celebrate the 150th 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 – our schools and parishes included. 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. Download The Bridge magazine www.sonsofdivineprovidence.org

ORIONE MISSION DAY is March 13th, 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 2nd 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).

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR UKRAINE My heart aches greatly at the worsening situation in Ukraine. Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks, increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up. Like me, many people all over the world are feeling anguish and concern. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests. I would like to appeal to those with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war, who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies. I pray that all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilizing coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute. And now I would like to appeal to everyone, believers and non-believers alike. Jesus taught us that the diabolical senselessness of violence is answered with God's weapons, with prayer and fasting. I invite everyone to make next 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war. **Let us pray for the conversion of President Putin and for the people of Russia seeking peace / harmony. Amen.**

Sons of Divine Providence and Don Orione Orione Sisters are present in Ukraine. They are staying to support the local people.

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, email: teddingtonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk **More PSRs welcome**

Contacting Traci, our bookkeeper email 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 £0.00; Dona £0.00 as no Masses. Parish Income / Expenditure for 2021 now available. For further info contact Traci as above.

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 3rd April, 7pm – tickets £18

Presented by Teddington Churches Singers & Teddington Consort, including Handel's Messiah and Bach's St John Passion
Awaiting confirmation that St Mary with St Alban will host this event.

POPE FRANCIS asks that we remember Synod 2023 in our prayers. Follow on 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 MARCH We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

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!

DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS WITH DAILY READINGS FOR LENT Available from the presbytery Adults £1.00 per copy; Infants and Juniors – our gift to you

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.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED trained First Aiders; Fire safety wardens to be available in case of emergency during Masses; a Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR) for 11.15 Mass or to alternate 9.30am / 11.15am; Parish Committee members; youth animator – training available; handy person to help in and around the presbytery, church and community hall with odd jobs / repairs.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL Helping people on the margins live a life of dignity – envelopes available for donations. www.CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk Thank you.

CAFOD LENTEN APPEAL Helping more children grow up big and strong www.cafod.org.uk/lent Thank you

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

(6th March, First Sunday of Lent, Year C)

Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

PARISH INFORMATION

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Mass times: Church closed until roof repairs complete.

Local Sunday Masses: 9.30am (in English) and 11am (in Polish) at Sons of Divine Providence, Hampton Wick; 9am and 11am at St Francis de Sales Hampton Wick; 8.30am and 10.30am at St Theodore's, Hampton.

Next week's Mass Intentions

Day	Date	Occasion	Time	Intention
Sunday	27 th Feb	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners Reynaldo Bautista / Hazel Macaraig RIP
Monday	28 th Feb	Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30am	Brian Kay RIP anniversary
Tuesday	1 st March	St David, patron saint of Wales	9.30am	Donor's intention
Wednesday	2 nd March	Ash Wednesday	9.30am 8pm	Sacred Heart School – to be confirmed Sacred Heart Church – Simon Cadwalder
Thursday	3 rd March	Weekday of Lent	No Mass	Please pray the rosary as a family
Friday	4 th March	Weekday of Lent	9.30am	Gemma Miller RIP
Saturday	5 th March	Weekday of Lent	9.30-11am	Church open: Adoration and Confession
Sunday	6 th March	First Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners Sheila Fallon RIP