



6TH FEBRUARY 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week I

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips [...] ' [...] see now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' [...] 'who to send?' [...] 'here I am send me' (Isaiah 6: 3-8) Who of us is without sin? Experience tells us if we confess and cast aside our sins, our lives can change. We go through the process of change, purification, healing and transformation to an extent that when God says "I need someone", and asks "who can I send?" we will be able to freely respond "here I am send me." Where to? Wherever he calls me ... into religious life, priesthood, caring for people, both at home and abroad... I may be imperfect but God uses my imperfections... here am I, here are you, sharing our faith experiences, sharing our gifts and talents, desiring to reach out to others, guided by God's love, goodness, trust in us and his grace...

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 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.

PARISH MATTERS AND NEWS FROM THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

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. We remember you in prayer. **Polite request: Please continue to wear masks in church.**

Sons of Divine Providence This year, 23 June we 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. 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.

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.

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 £122.38; Crib collection sent to Catholic Children's Society £120.00 (includes £30.00 collected Christian Unity Week)

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 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.

POPE FRANCIS – don't forget Synod 2023 in your prayers. Follow on www.rcdow.org.uk/synod. Next Diocesan event 19th Feb;
- **Message for WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK** 11th February 2022 - see Vatican website

LECTIO DIVINA

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RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2022 – SUNDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

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. The theme builds on that of the previous year's Racial Justice Sunday 'A Time to Act', which reflected on the importance of everyone recognising themselves, their race, their culture and their history in the life of the Church. 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.

Bishop Paul McAleen, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, has asked parishes to share the links below so that parishioners may visit the website for Racial Justice Sunday, and creatively celebrate our diversity and shared humanity:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/rjs22>

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... Aid to the Church in Need; help for Afghanistan & Ukraine; CAFOD, SDP in India, Kenya, Philippines; Jordan (Iraq refugees); Medecins Sans Frontieres; MISSIO; and so many more. Thank you.

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.

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

(13th Feb, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C)

Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20;

Luke 6:17, 20-26

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	6 th Feb	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Charlotte Conlon RIP Parishioners
Monday	7 th Feb	Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30am	Catherine Ridler
Tuesday	8 th Feb	St Jerome Emiliani and St Josephine Bakita	9.30am	Patricia Ross RIP and Anne Ross
Wednesday	9 th Feb	St Teilo	9.30am	Fr. Reg Dunkling
Thursday	10 th Feb	St Scholastica	No Mass	Please pray the rosary as a family
Friday	11 th Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes	9.30am	William Davey (sick)
Saturday	12 th Feb	Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30-11am	Church open: Adoration and Confession
Sunday	13 th Feb	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	David Weston RIP Parishioners