

Sacred Heart Teddington

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6TH MARCH 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Psalter Week I

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

"Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted by the devil for 40 days [...]" (Lk 4:1-13) Jesus replied to the devil after each temptation: Scripture says: 'Man does not live on bread alone'; You must worship the Lord your God and serve him alone'; 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Jesus accepted temptation as an example for us – we are tempted and we fall into sin, Ultimately when we get up again we are strengthened by God's forgiveness and inner healing. We receive grace to persevere in our faith journey and we strengthen others in theirs.

Your Lenten plan: 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/>

LENTEN SPIRITUALITY TOPICS – join us Tuesday after 09.30 Mass and/or Friday 8pm - Sacred Heart church hall for one hour.

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 is discretionary but welcomed especially when singing. Having the jabs and boosters is recommended. Latest guidance from the Diocese suggests that Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil services will go ahead with only minor changes.

Sons of Divine Providence and Don Orione Orione Sisters are actively present in Ukraine. They are staying to support the local people, including disabled persons in Lviv and Korotycz near Kharkiv. See Don Orione Ukraine on google. **To donate:** Bank references "Ukraine Emergency" **San Paolo Bank; IBAN: IT57 S030 6909 6061 0000 0001 484;** made out to: **Don Orione Onlus Foundation**

Plenary Indulgence – 23 June 2022 SDP celebrate on the 150th anniversary of the birth of Saint Luigi Orione, the Holy Father grants a plenary indulgence from 12 March to 29 August, to any person who makes a visit to a church of the Fathers of the Sons of Divine Providence or the Little Missionary Sisters of Charity anywhere in the world to "participate devoutly in the Jubilee celebrations", receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, saying a prayer for the intentions of the Pope and having a disposition of complete detachment from all sin. Those who cannot leave their homes, for whatever reason, may unite spiritually with the jubilee celebrations by offering prayers, their sufferings and the difficulties of their lives to the merciful God, praying in front of a picture or statue of St Luigi Orione. Printed material will be available.

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).

CONGRATULATIONS to the staff and students of St Paul's Catholic College which has been awarded an Outstanding rating in its recent Section 48 Ofsted Inspection of Religious Education and Catholic Life.

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.

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 £62.00; Dona £0.00 - no signal in hall, to donate for Sunday collection, try to **use QR scanner via your mobile phone on poster at entrance of hall.** Thank you. Parish Income / Expenditure for 2021 now available. For further info contact Traci as above.

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. Hosted by St Mary with St Alban.

LECTIO DIVINA

"Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted by the devil for 40 days [...]" (Lk 4:1-13) 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 church hall Adults £1.00 per copy; Infants and Juniors - no charge – our gift to you. **SURPRISE! – Sunday Mass Sheets** as requested by several parishioners: take home to reflect.

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. 11th March is a CAFOD Lenten Fast Day.

DIOCESAN NOTICES Romero Week Events to be held from 19th -29th March to mark the 42nd anniversary of the martyrdom of St Oscar Romero. Details at: <http://www.romerotrue.org.uk/news/romero-week-2022>.

"Homelessness and the Pandemic – what have we learned?" 28th March, 6.45pm at Farm Street Church, W1 or on live stream www.farmstreet.org.uk. No booking needed. Light refreshments provided, with donations requested to homelessness services. Natural Justice and Peace Network's 44th Annual Conference, 22nd-24th July. Details at: <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference/>.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

(13th March, Second Sunday of Lent, Year C)

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18;
Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36

PARISH INFORMATION

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Mass times: 9.30am and 11.15am in parish rooms until roof repairs are complete. Other local Sunday Masses: 9.30am (in English) and 10.00 and 11.15am (in Polish) at Sons of Divine Providence, Hampton Wick;

Next week's Mass Intentions

Day	Date	Reading	Time	Intention
Sunday	6 th March	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Int Parishioners Sheila Fallon RIP
Monday	7 th March	Ss Perpetua and Felicity	9.30am	Special intention
Tuesday	8 th March	Weekday of Lent	9.30am	Mrs Judith J Canty RIP
Wednesday	9 th March	Weekday of Lent	9.30am	Judith Ann Canty
Thursday	10 th March	Weekday of Lent	No Mass	Please pray the rosary as a family
Friday	11 th March	Weekday of Lent	9.30am	Sheila Hampton
Saturday	12 th March	Weekday of Lent	9.30-11am	Church open: Adoration and Confession
Sunday	13 th March	First Sunday of Lent	9.30am 11.15am	TBA TBA