



25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Clergy of the Westminster Diocese received this message from Cardinal Vincent Nichols on Friday 16 Sept:

Dear Fathers,

Earlier this evening I was privileged to be part of an Audience with King Charles. He invited senior faith leaders to Buckingham Palace in order to address us. I attach a copy of his remarks to us, which, I am sure, are stated at this point to create the context of events and remarks that will follow. This speech is well worth reading.

In my personal conversation with the King, I assured him that the Catholic community had continued, during these days of mourning, in heartfelt prayer for his mother. He expressed his gratitude for this. And then, turning back to me, he asked me to ensure that the Catholics of our Diocese know of his thanks and gratitude for these prayers. I am passing this on to you in case there are ways in which His Majesty's message might be conveyed to the people of our parishes.

With every good wish,  
+Vincent

**King Charles' remarks to faith leaders:**

My Lord Archbishop, Dean, Ladies and Gentlemen. I am very grateful to have had this opportunity to meet you all, so soon after my Accession, in what are inevitably the saddest of circumstances for me and my Family. I have been touched by your kind words of condolence more than I can possibly say. They mean a great deal to me.

I also wanted, before all of you today, to confirm my determination to carry out my responsibilities as Sovereign of all communities around this country and the Commonwealth and in a way which reflects the world in which we now live.

I am a committed Anglican Christian, and at my Coronation I will take an oath relating to the settlement of the Church of England. At my Accession, I have already solemnly given— as has every Sovereign over the last 300 years – an Oath which pledges to maintain and preserve the Protestant faith in Scotland.

I have always thought of Britain as a 'community of communities.' That has led me to understand that the Sovereign has an additional duty – less formally recognized but to be no less diligently discharged. It is the duty to protect the diversity of our country, including by protecting the space for Faith itself and its practise through the religions, cultures, traditions and beliefs to which our hearts and minds direct us as individuals.

This diversity is not just enshrined in the laws of our country, it is enjoined by my own faith. As a member of the Church of England, my Christian beliefs have love at their very heart. By my most profound convictions, therefore – as well as by my position as Sovereign – I hold myself bound to respect those who follow other spiritual paths, as well as those who seek to live their lives in accordance with secular ideals.

The beliefs that flourish in, and contribute to, our richly diverse society differ. They, and our society, can only thrive through a clear collective commitment to those vital principles of freedom of conscience, generosity of spirit and care for others which are, to me, the essence of our nationhood. I am determined, as King, to preserve and promote those principles across all communities, and for all beliefs, with all my heart.

This conviction was the foundation of everything my beloved mother did for our country, over her years as our Queen. It has been the foundation of my own work as Prince of Wales. It will continue to be the foundation of all my work as King.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Paul speaking to Timothy says 'As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses.' **1 Timothy 6:11-16** Think of Statesmen and women who have lived good lives and who have set a good example. Think of your favourite saint – maybe she/he sinned a lot but then was proclaimed saint through their goodness, faith and conversion. Paul gives us hope and determination. Others spoke on our behalf when we were baptised. The Church fights for us with supportive prayer. Ask the grace to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Be of service to others - pray for them.

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER For the Abolition of the Death Penalty;** We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every county.

**POPE'S MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION** The ecumenical phase begins on 1 September with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and concludes on 4 October with the feast of Saint Francis. "Listen to the voice of creation" is the theme and invitation of this year's Season of Creation. If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home.

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

**FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS** Coming soon ... 8-9 October CAFOD FAMILY FASTING COLLECTION

**CHURCH HALL OPEN FOR MASS** The hall to the side of the church has been re-organised for Sunday and weekday Masses to accommodate 70 persons including children. The main church building remains closed pending structural investigations and repairs.

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE** Estella Weston, email: [teddingtonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:teddingtonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk) **More PSRs welcome!**

**NEW TO THE PARISH?** We are so happy to welcome you! Email [teddington@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:teddington@rcdow.org.uk) or ask for a form to register your details.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at Sacred Heart Church - 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** – all with training available. **Volunteers sought to attend the parish house when necessary, during building works.**

**THE BRIDGE MAGAZINE Autumn issues** available: hard copies in hall or on-line [www.sonsofdivineprovidence.org](http://www.sonsofdivineprovidence.org) click **Support us** then **Publications**. Enjoy! If you can bring some to local parishes or gatherings please ask Fr. Stephen or give names for postal delivery.

**WE WELCOME FAMILIES BACK** How many families would attend Saturday night Mass at Sacred Heart instead of missing Sunday Mass because of other activities for their children held on Sunday mornings? **Time to reintroduce Saturday evening Mass?** Will you help to set up and lock up, to read, to serve, to take the collection, be first aider, be fire warden? **If there is help, let's make it happen!**

**VISIT OF RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE** was a tremendous success and showed faith is alive and active. An opportunity to pray for others but also for ourselves and for our families for spiritual graces of healing and conversions. St. Bernadette & Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.

**HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2022** Classes 5pm followed by Mass 6pm on 8 Oct; 15 Oct; 22 Oct; 5 Nov; 12 Nov; 19 Nov. First Holy Communion Mass - to be confirmed Saturday 26 November. Venue Sacred Heart Church or Hall, or St. Francis de Sales, Hampton Hill.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2023 BATCH** – contact Margaret [teddingtoncat1@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:teddingtoncat1@rcdow.org.uk)



**PARISH FINANCES** - our grateful thanks to all parishioners who continue to support the parish financially. **August:** Standing Orders: £2,161 **Last Sunday loose plate collection** £63.00; Dona £0 **To donate for Sunday collection, use QR code shown below or use the photo setting of your mobile phone.** **To set up a Standing Order:** Forms available. Pay at HSBC Bank plc. Account no. 21094548 Sort Code 40-05-20 credit of WRCDT Teddington (& Hampton Wick); please write your initials and surname so we may identify payments.

**FINANCIAL REPORT FROM TRACI BLUNDELL** Gift Aid Update from Traci: A grateful thank you to all parishioners who have gift aided their donations. Our claim total this year (less an amount refunded to HMRC) comes to £5,882.25. In addition, we are looking forward to an additional £1,197.60 from the small donation scheme. The refund was due to an error dating back several years when the Gift Aid records were migrated onto the current accounting system. Please let me remind you to inform the parish office if you cease to be a taxpayer or change address. Also, if you know of a parishioner who has died and may have their funeral take place elsewhere, kindly let the office know. Thank you to everyone whose donations of all kinds support the work of our church.

**HOME MISSION SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION** Thank you for your kind contributions amounting to **£116.95**

**NEXT BAPTISM COURSE FOR PARENTS AND GODPARENTS** Tuesday 11 October – contact Susanne [teddingtoncat2@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:teddingtoncat2@rcdow.org.uk)

### Weekday Masses

Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners Special Intention
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Ss Cosmas and Damian	9.30am	Tricia Doyle birthday intention
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	St Vincent de Paul	9.30am	Cathy Hobday birthday intention
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	St Wenceslaus	9.30am	Michael Cross RIP
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels	No Mass	Please pray the rosary at home
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	St Jerome	9.30am	Eugenia (Gina) Bonito RIP
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	St Thérèse of Lisieux	No Mass	09.30 – 11.00 Holy Hour & Confession
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners Anne Hewitt intentions & Michael RIP

**OUR PARISH SCHOOL** Sacred Heart primary school on St Mark's Road in Teddington has some places available for in-year admissions and its headteacher, Mrs Green, would be delighted to speak to prospective parents or show them around. Please email [info@sacredheart.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@sacredheart.richmond.sch.uk) or call 020 8977 6591 to make an appointment. Dates for Reception & Nursery open days will follow.

**BUILDING WORKS** Following the borescope exploration works on the ceiling, we hope to have a report back end of the week. Then discussions and decisions ... The drain inspection report is out. Action expected to blast out the Yew tree roots blocking a pipe. Assessing Church building movement on going. An asbestos report received. Many jobs-to-do complete, others on-going. Tree felling and brick paver relaying next week. Scaffolder and roofer have visited – start date to replace some tiles and make good gutters awaited. Pray all goes well.

#### BEYOND OUR PARISH

**SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE** Sons of Divine Providence and Don Orione Sisters are actively present in Ukraine. There is an update from Fr. Moreno who speaks about two turns of Grest holiday camp for 100/110 young people, animated by young people and many volunteers. The idea to bring some normality where there are still difficulties. Many who fled to Italy have returned. At l'viv the reconstruction of the church is under way. Don Orione Ukraine have been holding this activity for 17 years and although reduce in numbers, the show goes on and successfully. "The war continues, fear looms, the future is still marked by black clouds ... but no one can deny us the right to build, where others destroy or to spend some days in joy and fraternity, playing, singing, running and above all having a lot of fun! On these two fronts we will always be present." SDP Ukraine also continue to support the mothers keeping a promise made to them. **To donate:** Bank transfer reference: "Ukraine Emergency" Payee: **Don Orione Onlus Foundation** To: **INTESA Sanpaolo Spa, Milano**; IBAN: **IT57 S030 6909 6061 0000 0001 484**; BIC / SWIFT CODE: **BCITITMMXXX** Thank you.

**FR ROBERT** Fr Robert McCulloch, a St Columban missionary for 34 years and a very familiar face in our parish, is working to support those affected by the recent extensive flooding in Pakistan. If you are able to make a financial contribution to this important work, you can make a bank transfer to **The Society of St Columban for Foreign Missions** using bank account number **38808099** and sort code **56-00-45** (Natwest). Please use reference **PAK002**, to ensure that your donation goes directly to flood relief work being carried out by St Elizabeth Hospital in Hyderabad through Fr Robert.



**CARDINAL'S MESSAGE TO NEW PRIME MINISTER** was sent to Liz Truss with concerns: high cost of energy, housing, rents and food – heat or eat? Long term effects of pandemic; our aging population & taxation vs deteriorating services affecting needy and vulnerable families.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – PRAYER ROTA** 25<sup>th</sup> September Salvation Army (Emily Watson); 2<sup>nd</sup> October St Mark's Church (Rev Karen Wellman); 9<sup>th</sup> October Hampton Wick Baptist Church (Sandra Kimber); 16<sup>th</sup> October Christ Church (Rev Dominic Stockford), 23<sup>rd</sup> October St Michael's Church (Rev Ed Kendall)

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – new lay representative sought from Sacred Heart Church Teddington.** Interested in the life and activity of the other local Christian Churches and promoting ecumenism? Quarterly meetings and sharing what you have to offer. See Fr. Stephen or John Lunt for more information.

**THE MULBERRY CENTRE** is a cancer information and support centre with a non-clinical environment based within the grounds of West Middlesex Hospital in Isleworth. The Centre provide support to all people affected by a diagnosis of cancer, regardless of postcode or hospital of diagnosis. **All services at the Centre are free**, and anyone registered with the Centre can access them regardless of where they live or are being treated. For more details, please visit: <https://themulberrycentre.co.uk/>

**FAITH AT THE MUSICALS** will be held at Teddington Baptist Church, Church Road, TW11 8PF on Saturday 8th October at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Faith at the Musicals is a partnership between Christian charity Tearfund and West End Has Faith. West End Has Faith is a group of world-class professional singers who have regularly lit up London's biggest musicals with their stunning vocals and love for Jesus. In between performing favourite West End songs – from *Les Misérables*, *The Greatest Showman* and more – the group will be sharing about their faith and the life-saving work that Tearfund is doing around the world to help people lift themselves out of poverty. Book your tickets on: <https://FATMTeddington.eventbrite.co.uk> or [www.tearfund.org/westend](http://www.tearfund.org/westend)

**ST PAUL'S SUNBURY – JOB VACANCIES** Non Resident Care Taker, Premises Team Leader, Teaching Assistant [www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk) **OPEN EVENTS** Year 7 in 2023 [admissions@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk); Year 12 in 2023 [sixthform@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:sixthform@st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk)

**URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL WIMBLEDON** – In-person Open Events – [www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/openevents](http://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/openevents) Monday 26th Sept 9-11am Apply on-line only

**GUNNERSBURY CATHOLIC SCHOOL** The Ride, Boston Manor Road, Brentford, Middlesex TW8 9LB **OPEN DAYS 2022** ... WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2022 1.30pm – 3.00pm; 5.00pm – 7.30pm MONDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2022 1.30pm – 3.00pm; WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2022 10.30am – 11.30am; To register and for further information visit our website: [www.gunnersbury.com](http://www.gunnersbury.com)

**SPUC Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child** – see website for news and events. Pray for the protection of the unborn child.

**RED MISSION BOXES** – still available to help the abroad missions – take one – put in some coins and return. Ask Fr. Stephen ...

**LIFE BOATS** – go on-line if you wish to support this worthy cause – just one of so many and too many to help at once ...

**PRAYERS NEEDED FOR ... OUR NEEDY, BROKEN WORLD.** Pray for flooded, famine hit countries, for war torn countries and for people suffering from abuse, sickness and trauma. Pray for people in leadership that may lead through service, wisdom, care, fidelity and promote peace and harmony in their territories. Pray for families having to choose "heat or eat". Pray that God may carry us on eagles' wings.

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

(2<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C)

Habb 1:2-3, 2:2-4;  
2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

#### PARISH INFORMATION

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(for Fr. Reg Dunkling)

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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 11.00 (in Polish) at Sons of Divine Providence, Hampton Wick