



Sacred Heart, Teddington

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Parish Newsletter

1ST JANUARY 2023

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

PSALTER WEEK II

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

'[The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. [...] they repeated what had been said about him. [...] Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds went back [...] the eighth day they gave him the name Jesus [...].'] Christmas liturgies are very rich but they fly with such a speed that most of us attending only weekend Mass, miss what's celebrated during the week, including Holy Innocents and Holy Family. This weekend we celebrate Mary Mother of God with joy and we ask her special intercession for ourselves, our families and friends and our needy world. I invite you to attend Mass on Friday 6 January when the feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated. The Magi bring gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh to honour the new born king. What gifts do we have to bring to Jesus? How can we increase our devotion to the Holy Family and to Mary our earthly and heavenly Mother? How can I better myself to increase in grace and favour as Mary & Jesus did?

POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI RIP During the Wednesday papal audience, Pope Francis asked special prayers for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI whose health was failing. Today 31 December 2022 the Vatican issued a statement that he passed away 09.34 local time in the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery, As parish and as Sons of Divine Providence we offer our prayers for his eternal rest and in thanksgiving for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI life, priesthood and Petrine ministry.

Pope's intention for January: For Educators We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

A NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM FR STEPHEN

A very happy new year filled with many blessings from God for all our parishioners, families, friends and visitors and for the children, staff and families and all those connected with the Sacred Heart school Teddington.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Christmas collection and for the many cards and gifts received. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

May I remind you, in your own way individually and as families to give thanks to God in prayer for the graces and blessings received in 2022, for consolation, inner peace and healing that may be required, and for 2023 to invoke God who is-with-us always for yourselves, our parish and our needy world. Let us also invoke Mary, Mother of God to intercede for us with her motherly tender love and care.

Fr. Stephen

PARISH MATTERS AND NEWS FROM THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

WE WELCOME FR. FERNANDO FORNERO FDP who is visiting Sons of Divine Providence UK community until 8th January.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Tours of the school on Friday 6th Jan 2023. Contact school (details in volunteer appeal below) to book or arrange a different time.

An appeal for Foundation Governors for Sacred Heart School will be made after Masses next weekend (8th January).

Volunteers welcome If you have some spare time and would like to help at school with administrative tasks or reading, you'd be very welcome. DBS checks would be required but school can assist with this. Contact info@sacredheart.richmond.sch.uk or 020 8977 6591.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE Estella Weston, email: teddingtonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk **More PSRs welcome!**

NEW TO THE PARISH? We are so happy to welcome you! Email 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 9.30/11.15am; **Parish Committee members; youth animator** – all with training available. **Volunteers sought to be at parish house, as necessary, during building works.**

SATURDAY EVENING MASS 6pm Sacred Heart Church An alternative for families whose children have Sunday activities. If you are willing to help set up and lock up, to read, serve, be, first aiders, fire wardens etc., please contact Fr. Stephen teddington@rcdow.org.uk

PARISH FINANCES - our grateful thanks to all parishioners who continue to support the parish financially. **November:** Standing Orders: £2,189 **Christmas Day loose plate collection** Thank You from Fr. Stephen; **Contactless £0.00 To set up a Standing Order:** Forms available. Pay at HSBC Bank plc. Account no. 21094548 Sort Code 40-05-20 credit of WRC DT Teddington (& Hampton Wick); please write your initials and surname so we may identify payments. Sign up to Gift Aid your weekly collections and donations at no cost to you. Gift aided will raise an extra 25% to boost the parish finances. Thank you.

THE BRIDGE MAGAZINE Winter issue on-line www.sonsofdivineprovidence.org click **Support us** then **Publications.** Enjoy!

MASS INTENTION on Tuesday 3rd January FOR SHAHY SINCLAIR RIP ex-Sacred Heart Church choir member. Condolences to family, friends and acquaintances. News reached us recently that Shahy died during 2022.

THIS YEAR'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

2023 BATCH HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT closes next week, 8th January To book a place please email Margaret teddingtoncat1@rcdow.org.uk; Candidates must provide a certificate of baptism to proceed. **CONFIRMATION 2023** Susanne teddingtoncat2@rcdow.org.uk see info below

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023 NOW OPEN Registration closes on Sunday 15th January 2023. To be eligible candidates must be in Year 9 and above; must have been baptised in the Roman Catholic Church and attend Mass here at Sacred Heart. Parents wishing their children to make their Confirmation should initially register using the link [below](https://forms.office.com/r/By2LV95RCF): <https://forms.office.com/r/By2LV95RCF> Please note that registration does not guarantee a place on the Confirmation Programme, which will be confirmed following an individual meeting by appointment with Fr Stephen. Classes will take place on Sunday evenings from 6-7pm at St Francis de Sales parish church. Further details of the Programme will be provided at the individual meetings with Father Stephen. Thank you.

BEYOND OUR PARISH

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE Sons of Divine Providence and Don Orione Sisters are actively present in Ukraine. Our Superior General has asked for increased prayers following the increased intense fighting, death and destruction. **To donate:** Bank transfer reference: "Ukraine Emergency" Payee: **Don Orione Onlus Foundation** To: **BANK: Sanpaolo Spa, Milano; IBAN: IT57 030 6909 6061 0000 0001 484; BIC / SWIFT CODE: BCITITMMXXX** Thank you. Your donations go to buy food, medicine and clothing.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – PRAYER ROTA 1st January- Sports ministry Rev. Chris Kennedy; 8th January Salvation Army Emily Watson;

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON Everyone should have a warm and welcoming space to go this Winter, so our churches and halls are opening our doors to provide **free and cosy places for anyone** that would like to come along. You can pop in for a hot drink and a chat, stay as long as you like, charge your phone or play with your kids. Everyone is welcome at all venues, no need to be a churchgoer. Our spaces are free, warm, welcoming and safe. WarmWelcomeTeddington@gmail.com

ASCENSION CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST Mr Burke of the Trust will visit Sacred Heart parish later in January to discuss the new Trust.

CARDINAL'S CRIB FUND APPEAL 2022 All donations will be sent for the Catholic Children's Society. Thank you

A NEW YEAR BLESSING:

"MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU.

MAY THE LORD LET HIS FACE SHINE ON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU.

MAY THE LORD UNCOVER HIS FACE TO YOU AND BRING YOU PEACE"

WORDS OF SAINT LUIGI ORIONE TO GREET YOU FOR THE NEW YEAR (courtesy of Fr. Fernando Fornerod) New year, new life: holy and sanctifying life! New year, whole life in Jesus, of Jesus, for Jesus! My Children, let us live in Jesus! Lost in his Heart, drowned in love, small, small: simple, humble, sweet. Let us live of Jesus! As children in his arms and on his Heart, holy and blameless under his gaze; sunk in the love of Jesus and souls, in faithfulness and obedience without limit to him and to his Church! Let us live for Jesus! Everyone and everything for Jesus, nothing outside of Jesus, nothing that is not Jesus, that does not lead to Jesus, that does not breathe Jesus! In a way worthy of the vocation that we have received modelled on his Cross, on his sacrifice, on his obedience in oblation and total holocaust of ourselves, as a sweet smell. O' Jesus, open to us your Heart: let us enter, O' Jesus, that only in your Heart we will be able to understand something of what You are, we will be able to feel your charity and mercy, to understand and we too, to love the sacrifice and that holy obedience, for which you have sacrificed (Don Orione, 1935).

Weekday Masses

Sunday	1 st Jan	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners Helen RIP
Monday	2 nd Jan	Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church	9.30am	Special intention
Tuesday	3 rd Jan	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	9.30am	Shahy Sinclair RIP (choir member)
Wednesday	4 th Jan	Weekday of Christmas	9.30am	Michael Adams RIP
Thursday	5 th Jan	Weekday of Christmas	No Mass	Pray the rosary at home
Friday	6 th Jan	Epiphany of the Lord	9.30am 8pm	Int. Beale Family Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI RIP
Saturday	7 th Jan	Vigil Mass - Baptism of the Lord	6pm	Fr Michael Moss RIP
Sunday	8 th Jan	Baptism of the Lord	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners Ellen Tuck RIP

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

(8th Jan, Baptism of the Lord, Year A)

Isa 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Matt 3:13-17

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 11.00 (in Polish) at Sons of Divine Providence, Hampton Wick; 23, KT1 4EU