



# Sacred Heart, Teddington

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# Parish Newsletter

4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PSALTER WEEK II

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

'Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God..' (Romans 15:4-9) Perseverance means "don't give up." There are many examples beyond scriptures of not giving up and these help us when we get despondent with life and events. Making time for God every day, reading scriptures, the lives of the saints, listening to spiritual talks, going on retreat, personal and community prayer, the rosary, Divine Mercy devotions etc are all helpful for us. We will get our reward in heaven for our perseverance, but we will also get it here and now – God's grace!

**Pope's intention for November: VOLUNTEER NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS** We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

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

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS FAIR** All welcome, Saturday 10th December, 3-5pm

Tours of the school on Fri 9th Dec and Fri 6th Jan 2023. Please ring school to book, or to arrange a different time.

Volunteers - 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.

**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.**

**SATURDAY EVENING MASS** at Sacred Heart Church 6pm. 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](mailto:teddington@rcdow.org.uk)

**2023 BATCH HOLY COMMUNION** email Margaret [teddingtoncat1@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:teddingtoncat1@rcdow.org.uk); **CONFIRMATION** Susanne [teddingtoncat2@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:teddingtoncat2@rcdow.org.uk)

**PARISH FINANCES** - our grateful thanks to all parishioners who continue to support the parish financially. **October:** Standing Orders: £2,174 **Last Sunday loose plate collection** £168.71; **Contactless** £0.00 **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 WRCDD Teddington (& Hampton Wick); please write your initials and surname so we may identify payments.

**THE BRIDGE MAGAZINE Autumn issue** hard copy or [www.sonsofdivineprovidence.org](http://www.sonsofdivineprovidence.org) click **Support us** then **Publications**. Enjoy!

**ADVENT TALKS 8 December 7.30pm** via zoom: Last of Fr John Deehan talks "Witness to Hope – available on-line".

**SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL 1962 – 2022 CELEBRATES 60 YEARS** - Vatican website. Read Church docs Lumen Gentium & Gaudium et Spes. Laudato Si movie: <https://TheLetterFilm.org> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII&v=en> "The Letter" is a personal invitation to each of us to continue the work of Catholic social teaching, so deeply rooted in the documents of Vatican II. Time out – well worth watching. Something for parents to watch with their children and then discuss 'what can we do' as family, as church?

**CTT ELLERAY HALL LUNCH 2022. Invitation** If you have people isolated, lonely or have nowhere to go this Christmas Day, get them to contact us and we would love to have them. We can do transport both ways and cater for all their dietary needs. **Call for volunteers** and getting our churches to lend a helping hand on the day, or before or after. Please see attached volunteer poster (on Sacred Heart hall notice board). Please post everywhere physically and social media wise and let's pray that now back in person we can continue this great blessing at Christmas time. Any queries contact Rev. Chris Kennedy [www.activatechurch.org.uk](http://www.activatechurch.org.uk); [cttchristmas22@outlook.com](mailto:cttchristmas22@outlook.com)

**MARY'S MEALS** visit [www.marysmeals.org](http://www.marysmeals.org) and see posters on parish hall notices.

**NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR FOR ST THEODORE'S, HAMPTON:** New part time Church Administrator. Diocesan website: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/parish-administrator-hampton-on-thames-parish/> The closing date 12 noon, Monday 5th December 2022.

**ADVENT DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS FOR ADULTS, JUNIORS AND INFANTS** on the trolley in the hall. Adults £1.00; children - no charge.

**CATHOLIC DIARIES 2023 Pocket version** A few are available on the hall trolley. Ask Fr. Stephen for details or to order more copies.

**BUILDING WORKS** Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Drain cleared of tree root; Dec 16<sup>th</sup> starts wall repairs; Scaffolding in situ to fix roof tiles 5/12 explore ceiling from roof. Check gutters. We have now started a fundraising page: monies received dedicated to building works. Please give if you can. Thank you **PARISHIONERS DETAILS UPDATES AND SIGNING UP TO GIFT AID** Please return forms with your address completed. Sign up to Gift-Aid weekly collections and donations so that no cost to you, gift aid will raise an extra 25% to boost the parish finances.

## BEYOND OUR PARISH

**VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS CARD MAIL DROP** Churches Together in Teddington will have their annual maildrop of 'Christmas Services times', Christmas greetings card. If you would like to help, please contact John Lunt or Fr. Stephen.

**CAFOD – World Food Crisis Appeal** Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. The situation worsens every day. See [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

**10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CARITAS WESTMINSTER - Impact film** <https://youtu.be/Vgxvakd-8Ug> Lasts 25 mins.

I am writing to share a film that was produced to show our supporters and partners the impact of and celebration of our social justice work across the Diocese. watch today at school or at home as family. If you would be interested in joining a focus group, via Zoom, on 6 or 7 December, get in touch, by emailing Julie in our team on [juliechristiewebb@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:juliechristiewebb@rcdow.org.uk)

**CARITAS FOOD COLLECTIVE - Advent Giving Calendar** – a different food item each day proposed to collect as a food parcel for the needy. Advent Giving Calendar link - <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/files/1976-1-1.pdf>

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** Lebanon [www.acnuk.org/lebanon](http://www.acnuk.org/lebanon) A humanitarian disaster ... in slow motion.

**CRISIS Support** Crisis at Christmas and stand with someone who's homeless – [www.crisis.org.uk](http://www.crisis.org.uk)

**SPEAR** Homelessness to independence [www.spearlondon.org](http://www.spearlondon.org); see poster on parish hall notice board.

**HOMES FOR UKRAINE** SJOG and Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) [www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk](http://www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk); see parish posters

**CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY Christmas Card Brochure 2022** telephone Wrexham 01948 831 046; [www.cathchild.org.uk](http://www.cathchild.org.uk)

**INTERACT – LIFEWORDS** worldwide sharing of the faith in words and stories. LIFEWORDS [www.lifewords.global](http://www.lifewords.global)

**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 5030 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** 4<sup>th</sup> December Sons of Divine Providence Rev John Perrotta; 11<sup>th</sup> December Sacred Heart Church Rev Stephen Beale FDP; 18<sup>th</sup> December St John's Church Rev Jerry Field

**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. See Fr. Stephen or John Lunt.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON** Everyone should have a warm and welcoming space to go this Winter, which is why 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](mailto:WarmWelcomeTeddington@gmail.com)

**RICHMOND COUNCIL - HELP WITH COST OF LIVING** with bills, money – grants and benefits, employment support, food, family and childcare, housing and home improvements, health and care. Whichever topic [www.richmond.gov.uk/news](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/news)

**THE MULBERRY CENTRE** A non-clinical environment, set in the grounds of West Middlesex Hospital. It provides support to all 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 these services regardless of where they live or are being treated. For details, see: <https://themulberrycentre.co.uk/>

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

**MISSIO CALENDARS** - Free of charge or give donation. Take them home rather than us throw them away! Give to a friend ...

**JUSTICE AND PEACE E-BULLETIN** Diocese of Westminster – see diary of events listed on hall window [justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk)

**CATHOLIC PAPERS ON-LINE** including The Universe, The Catholic Herald, The Catholic Post, The Tablet. Discover through search engine.

**PETITION** Please sign the petition to Rishi Sunak to **stop abortion** up to birth being introduced. Click here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/signthepetitionorishi>

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

(11<sup>th</sup> Dec, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year C)

Zeph 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

### 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

### Weekday Masses

Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners Philomena Hegarty RIP
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Weekday of Advent	9.30am	Special intention
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	St Nicholas, Bishop	9.30am	Michael Hull RIP
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of Church	9.30am	Graham Keeley RIP
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30 1.45pm (at school) 7.30pm	Tyler School pupils, staff and community SDP & Pope Francis
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	St Juan Diego Cuathlatoatzin	9.30am	Eileen Campbell RIP
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Our Lady of Loreto St John Roberts, Priest, Martyr	9.30-11.00 6pm	Confessions and holy hour Elizabeth Hulbert RIP
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	9.30am 11.15am	Harold Jones RIP Parishioners