



Sacred Heart, Teddington

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Parish Newsletter

8TH JANUARY 2023

BAPTISM OF THE LORD, FEAST,

1ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK I

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

'[...] Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets' [...] 'faithfully he brings true justice; [...] I, the lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; (Is. 42:1-4,6-7) The servant alludes to Jesus some centuries later. His mission to covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon. CAFOD, MISSIO and Sons of Divine Providence all ask for volunteers to be Jesus for the people today, sharing their innate goodness, love, gifts and talents. In his poverty, the baby Jesus speaks from the crib; the adult Jesus still suffers today and speaks through our personal suffering and through our suffering calls us to aid others who suffer. The NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION – to be Jesus for others – what is Jesus asking of me in 2023?

POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI RIP Following the funeral on Thursday in the Vatican, ss parish and as Sons of Divine Providence we continue to pray for his eternal rest and in thanksgiving for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI life, service in priesthood and Petrine ministry. At judgement, God will merciful to all of us – "have mercy upon me a sinner." He will also reward our love, our goodness and our efforts.

CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS, SPEAKING SHORTLY AFTER THE REQUIEM MASS IN ST PETER'S SQUARE FOR POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI, described the funeral as in one way "a straightforward celebration of a Funeral Mass," in another way, a uniquely historical event "of great emotional depth and stature."

The Requiem Mass, presided over by Benedict's successor Pope Francis, took place on Thursday morning, 5 January, after almost 200,000 pilgrims had paid their final respects to the Pope Emeritus during a period of his lying in state for the previous three days.

Cardinal Nichols said he was collecting his memories of Pope Benedict during the Mass and considered his last homily before retiring. In it, Benedict used the image of Jesus asleep in the back of the boat in the storm on the Sea of Galilee and the disciples were frightened.

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. Fr. Stephen

PARISH MATTERS AND NEWS FROM THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

FAREWELL FR. FERNANDO FORNEROD Good luck visiting Sons of Divine Providence Don Orione communities / works worldwide.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCY

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Governing Body is seeking a foundation governor – someone who is a practising Catholic, perhaps with experience in HR, Fundraising, Finance, Education or in strategic planning. Governors attend regular meetings to review and support the school's governance and success. Full training is provided. Benefits to you include giving back to your community, continued professional development and an opportunity to work as part of this effective governing body for the benefit of the children of our parish school. For more information, contact Ms Jo Faulkner (Chair of Governors): chair@sacredheart.richmond.sch.uk.

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 **Last Sunday's loose plate collection** £270.00. Thank You; **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 WRCDT 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.

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS **Peace Sunday 15 January 2023** see www.paxchristi.org.uk See envelopes on hall trolley
5 February Racial Justice Sunday

THIS YEAR'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

2023 BATCH HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT closes today, 8th January Any queries please email Margaret Ballantyne 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 next 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.

DATES FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION 2023 - 5pm on 4 Feb; 11 Feb; 18 Feb; 25 Feb; 4 March: First Confessions 11 March. Saturday evening sessions will be followed by 6pm Mass at which children and families are encouraged to attend.

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 0303 6909 6061 0000 0001 484; BIC / SWIFT CODE: BCITITMMXXX** Thank you. Your donations go to buy food, medicine and clothing.

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

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION VOLUNTEERING FOR CAFOD The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking people join us in our mission here in the Westminster diocese. Could you volunteer and help us raise awareness in either parishes or schools about our work across the developing world tackling poverty and injustice. Find out more by joining one of our volunteer meetings in Lambeth London on Saturday 21st January or Oakwood, North London on Wed 1st February. Please contact Tony at CAFOD for further details. westminster@cafod.org.uk or 0208 449 6970

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – PRAYER ROTA 8th January Salvation Army Emily Watson; 15th January St Mark's Church Rev Karen Wellman; 22nd January Hampton Wick Baptist Church Sandra Kimber

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

ST. RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE SRRCC are recruiting for the following vacancies: Teacher of Maths (September 2023); Teacher of History (September 2023); <https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/vacancies-2/>

ASCENSION CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST Mr Burke of the Trust expected to visit Sacred Heart parish 15 January during 9.30am Mass to discuss the new Trust, but awaiting confirmation, as better to speak at both Sunday Masses.

The Commons Health and Social Care Committee Inquiry into Assisted Suicide ('Assisted Dying') TCHSCC has launched an inquiry into assisted suicide. There is very little time to respond as responses must be received by 20 January. However, there is a very short online form of just six questions which should not take more than ten or fifteen minutes to respond. Please have a look at it and forward it to anyone you know who may be sympathetic. Cfr Bishop John Sherrington CBCEW and Westminster website.

Weekday Masses

Saturday	7 th Jan	Blessed Sacrament: Adoration / Confession Baptism of the Lord (vigil)	09.30 – 11.00 6pm	Adoration / Confession Fr. Michael Moss FDP RIP
Sunday	8 th Jan	Baptism of the Lord	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners Ellen Tuck RIP
Monday	9 th Jan	Weekday of Ordinary Time	9.30am	Special intention
Tuesday	10 th Jan	Weekday of Ordinary Time	9.30am	Eileen Campbell RIP
Wednesday	11 th Jan	Weekday of Ordinary Time	9.30am	Bernard Blackburn RIP
Thursday	12 th Jan	St Aelred of Rievaulx, Religious	No Mass	June Hadden RIP
Friday	13 th Jan	St Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9.30am	Imelda Essery RIP
Saturday	14 th Jan	Weekday of Christmas	6pm	Kitty Hosty RIP
Sunday	15 th Jan	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Sr. Margarita of Jesus OCD RIP Parishioners

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

(15th Jan, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A)

Isa 49:3,5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; John 1:29-34

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