



Sacred Heart, Teddington

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Parish Newsletter

12TH FEBRUARY 2023

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK II

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

‘These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God. (1 Cor 2:6-10). Paul said ‘the hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began.’ The liturgy these days speaks of Creation and the Presence and working of the Spirit in the plan of Creation. We are free to let the spirit within us be active or to leave it dormant. God will never force us ... However in difficult and desperate times, times of suffering, sickness and death, if we stand back and let go, if we allow the Spirit to move within and around us, we will experience the face of God: we will see and feel him, his love, grace and comfort, his consolation and peace. “Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God” (Beatitudes). Let us “be” with one another around the world ... pray, hope and trust in God. Life is a mystery: God works in mysterious ways, his wonders to perform. We don’t understand. We are confused. He knows what he is about: GOD LOVES.

POPE’S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: FOR PARISHES We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

PARISH MATTERS AND NEWS FROM THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

Volunteers welcome If you have some spare time and would like to help at Sacred Heart school with admin tasks or reading, you’d be very welcome. DBS checks 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. **December:** Standing Orders: £2,194 **Last Sunday’s loose plate collection** £135.09. Thank You; **Contactless £0 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.

NEXT SECOND COLLECTION – Lenten Alms Appeal On-going during Lent; CAFOD Family Fast Day 3 March 2023.

LENT 2023 FAITH-SHARING: ‘Enlarging the Space of our Tent’, written by Fr Dominic Robinson SJ and Colette Joyce from the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission. The resource will consist of five 60-90 minute sessions, each focusing on a theme covered by Justice and Peace, including poverty and homelessness, racial justice, care of creation, migrants and refugees, and peace. Each session will explore the theme in the light of a piece of Scripture from the coming Sunday (beginning with the Second Sunday of Lent and finishing with Palm Sunday), prayer, a reflection on experience from a local example here in our diocese, and questions to aid group sharing.

HERE AT SACRED HEART Starts Tuesday 21 February 7pm; Ash Wednesday 22 February 10.15a.m. Booklets have arrived

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

NEXT BAPTISM COURSE FOR PARENTS AND GODPARENTS Here at Sacred Heart Church hall. Monday 27 February 2023 7pm – 9pm To enrol: email: Susanne teddingtoncat2@rcdow.org.uk We will email you a baptism form for completion or ask after any Mass.

CHURCH BUILDING WORKS UPDATE

We have informed the Diocesan Head of Finance of our situation and the need for imminent support. This is a strategic move as we prepare for potential major works during the year. The Diocesan Trustees will ultimately make the final decision but we contemplate more serious roof repairs before the ceiling is replaced, to avoid repetition of water ingress and further damage through leaks. The situation is complex but not insurmountable. If Providence opens the doors things will happen and we will eventually reopen the church doors. Please pray for God’s will and make yourself known to Fr. Stephen if you have knowledge and skills for fundraising etc.

CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal CAFOD have already sent £100,000.00

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD’s Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

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.

THE BRIDGE MAGAZINE Winter issue now on-line www.sonsofdivineprovidence.org click **Support us** then **Publications**. Enjoy! Hard copies now available in the hall. Please help us to increase circulation by bringing to local churches etc. Ask priest's permission.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – PRAYER ROTA 12th February, St Mary with St Alban, Rev Caroline Halmshaw; 19th February Teddington Methodist Church, Rev David Innes; 26th February, St Frances de Sales Church, Rev Shaun Church

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 **See posters** **DON'T FORGET WARM HUB AT THE SACRED HEART CHURCH, TEDDINGTON EVERY TUESDAY 10.00 – 12NOON CHAT/TEA/COFFEE**

RETOUVAILLE – A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES! A Lifeline For Marriage! Welwyn Garden City Centre 24 – 26 February; 6 – 9 July 2023. Phone / text 07887 296983; email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com; website www.retrouvaille.org.uk Confidential

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is a Catholic Movement to help enrich marriage, nurture healthy family relationships and bring God to the heart of your marriage and family. Next residential is 3-5 March 2023 in Swindon, or 13-14 May 2023 Online <https://www.me.org.uk>

THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK P.O. Box 46679, London NW9 8ZT; Tel: 020 7723-1740; www.goodcounselnetwork.com; Mediating Motherhood – counselling for women for moral support and/or advice regarding continued pregnancy.

SPUC 2023 YOUTH CONFERENCE 24-26 February, Yarnfield park, Stone, Staffordshire ST15 0NL Young people can book a place at www.spuc.org.uk/2023youthconference SPUC is PRO-LIFE - the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child. See poster in hall: 10 million prayers needed for 10 million lives lost to abortion. Pray for an end to abortion and for respect and dignity of life.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK February 11, 2023 Take Care Of Him Compassion as a synodal exercise of healing (see online)

CAFOD, CARITAS, MISSIO, PAX CHRISTI, SVP, ACN, MARY'S MEALS - RECRUITING NOW: Volunteer Parish Reps From Sacred Heart Teddington Pick & choose the charity of your choice – online via search engines. Thank You.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/westminster-concert2023 **THE LONDON WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR CHARITY CONCERT** Westminster Cathedral **February 16th 2023 at 7.30pm**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY SVP Westminster Diocese Festival 25th March 2023 See poster displayed in hall

FOODBANK St Michael's Church, Fulwell, Wilcox Road, Teddington TW11 0SP tel: 07516935655 www.richmond.foodbank.org.uk If you need help the foodbank is there for you. If you can donate items make contact, and thanks for helping the needy of Teddington.

ASCENSION OF CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST (ACAT) – Mass with Cardinal Vincent 20 February Westminster Cathedral 9.30am

HOW TO USE QR CODE ON YOUR PHONE TO DONATE whether to parish or charities of your choice. See poster displayed in hall.

Weekday Masses

Saturday	11 th Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30 – 11am 6pm	Adoration and Confession Edward Shepherd RIP
Sunday	12 th Feb	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	David Weston RIP anniv Bernard White RIP
Monday	13 th Feb	Weekday of Ordinary Time	9.30am	Holy Communion Service
Tuesday	14 th Feb	Ss Cyril, monk, and Methodius, Bishop	9.30am	Parishioners
Wednesday	15 th Feb	Weekday of Ordinary Time	9.30am	Colete Short
Thursday	16 th Feb	Weekday of Ordinary Time	No Mass	Pray the rosary at home
Friday	17 th Feb	The Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am	Moira Ellison
Saturday	18 th Feb	Weekday of Ordinary Time	9.30 – 11am 6.00pm	Adoration and Confession Parishioners
Sunday	19 th Feb	7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Reynaldo Bautista RIP anniv Peter Read (sick)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

(19th Feb, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A)

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Matt 5:38-48

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