



Sacred Heart, Teddington

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# Parish Newsletter

15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK II

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

'[...] And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant [...] It is not enough for you to be my servant [...] I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth (Is. 49:3,5-6). Last week we heard 'Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. [...] I, the lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; God formed the servant Jesus in the womb. Jesus brought light to the nations. To each of us God says "it is not enough for you ...; I will make you..." and bingo, we are endowed with potentially life changing gifts and talents. Jesus had a mission – we are sent as missionaries, locally, nationally or worldwide. Let us pray to respond to God's call for each of us. With Mary let's say with simplicity and poverty "Yes", "Be it done to me according to your will: "Here I am Lord, send me!"

**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.

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

**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](mailto:info@sacredheart.richmond.sch.uk) or 020 8977 6591.

**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 9.30/11.15am; **Parish Committee members; youth animator** – all with training available. **Volunteers sought to be at parish house, as necessary, during building works.**

**UPDATED MASS TIMES POSTER** is on display around the premises and on the website. Please inform others who may be interested.

**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](mailto: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** £158.55.00. 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.

## THIS YEAR'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

**2023 BATCH HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT now closed.** Any queries please email Margaret Ballantyne [teddingtoncat1@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:teddingtoncat1@rcdow.org.uk) (Holy Communion); email Susanne [teddingtoncat2@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:teddingtoncat2@rcdow.org.uk) (confirmation).

**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.

## CHURCH BUILDING WORKS UPDATE

Roof has had tiles replaced and gutter downspouts unblocked. Leaks seem to have stopped. More works to follow including additional gutters, mortar repairs, replacement tiles and the nave needs replacement gutters. Boundary wall work is under way. Tree roots have been ground into sawdust. Steel posts will be inserted to strengthen the wall. Drainage works to be pursued. Planning for fundraising when a decision is made whether to replace the ceiling or to fix netting against the ceiling. Fire safety remedial works ongoing and the hall and presbytery have been measured for fitting of insulation. A loft hatch has been fitted in the hall for this purpose, hopefully resulting in better heat retention. A safety hand rail has been fitted on the ramp entrance to the main church.

**POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI PRAYER CARDS** are available in limited supply. Please take one per household.

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant pope Benedict, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth.

## PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS AT THIS TIME

O God, who chose your servant Francis, in succession to the Apostle Peter as shepherd of the whole flock, look favourably on the supplications of your people and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth, he may confirm his brethren and that the whole Church may be in communion with him in the bond of unity, love and peace, so that in you, the shepherd of souls, all may know the truth and attain life eternal.

## 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 S030 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](http://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.

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION VOLUNTEERING FOR CAFOD** Find out more by joining one of our volunteer meetings in Lambeth London on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January or Oakwood, North London on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> February. Please contact Tony at CAFOD for further details. [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk) or 0208 449 6970

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January** See posters on display. Sacred Heart hosting Monday 23 January during 09.30 Mass.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – PRAYER ROTA** 15th January St Mark's Church Rev Karen Wellman; 22nd January Hampton Wick Baptist Church Sandra Kimber; 29th January Christ Church Rev Dominic Stockford

**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](mailto:WarmWelcomeTeddington@gmail.com) **See poster**

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

**ASCENSION CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST** We welcome this Sunday Mr Burke of the Trust speaking at Sacred Heart parish during 09.30 and 11.15 Mass to discuss the new Trust. Please do ask any questions after the Masses.

**FCJ SPIRITUALITY CENTRE** Faithful Companions of Jesus Retreat Centre [enquiries.fcjcentre@fcjhouse-somertown.co.uk](mailto:enquiries.fcjcentre@fcjhouse-somertown.co.uk)

**DAY WITH MARY** Holy Apostles, Winchester Street SW1V; Saturday 28 January 2023 [www.adaywithmary.org](http://www.adaywithmary.org) See poster in hall.

**RETROUVAILLE – 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](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com); website [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Confidential

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

**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.

**PEACE SUNDAY TODAY.** Introduced as an annual occasion to support PAX CHRISTI with prayer and charity in its worldwide efforts to help those in extreme poverty, bringing solace and comfort and consolation.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS – Pax Christi today Peace Sunday 15 January 2023** see [www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk) See envelopes on hall trolley.

**FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS** 5 February Racial Justice Sunday

### Weekday Masses

<b>Saturday</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Blessed Sacrament: Adoration / Confession Vigil Mass - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30 – 11am 6pm	Adoration / Confession Kitty Hosty RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Sr. Margarita of Jesus OCD Parishioners
<b>Monday</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Weekday of Ordinary Time	9.30am	Special Intention
<b>Tuesday</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	St Anthony, abbot	9.30am	Jane Baker RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Weekday of Ordinary Time	9.30am	Tommy Tumilty RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	St Wulstan, Bishop	No Mass	Pray the rosary at home
<b>Friday</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	St Fabian, Pope, Martyr St Sebastian, Martyr	9.30am	Annie Miller RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr Vigil Mass of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30 – 11am 6.00pm	Adoration / Confession Pope Francis and SDP
<b>Sunday</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners Int Sheila and Pat

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

(22<sup>nd</sup> Jan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A)

Isa 8:23b-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13,17; Matt 4:12-17

#### 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