



Sacred Heart, Teddington

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Parish Newsletter

22ND JANUARY 2023

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD)

PSALTER WEEK III

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

'[...] The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land of shadow and death a light has dawned.' From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand (Matt. 4:12-23). Christ is the light. He was sent to baptise with water and the holy spirit and to prepare us for entry into heaven with his words that help us to be transformed and sanctified. Paul said Christ did not send him to baptise but to preach the Good News, and not with words of philosophy in which the crucifixion cannot be expressed. Every day we encounter suffering in some way – ours or someone else's. Left by ourselves we could go into despair but God has given us his, grace, strength and comfort. His word lifts us up. With faith and intensified prayer we move from darkness to light. St. Paul also says 'when we cannot pray, the Spirit of God prays in us.' Lord give me strength. Amen.

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 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.**

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

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** £119.36. 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 5 February Racial Justice Sunday

THIS YEAR'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

2023 BATCH HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT now closed. Any queries please email Margaret Ballantyne teddingtoncat1@rcdow.org.uk (Holy Communion); email Susanne 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.

CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS writes: It was a privilege for me to be present at the Funeral Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict, just a few days ago. While I was in Rome, my thoughts turned particularly to the Papal Visit to the United Kingdom in 2010. There are so many memories to treasure. I highlight just two. The Holy Father's meeting with 3500 schoolchildren in Twickenham was remarkable. He encouraged them to find a way of life that brought them lasting happiness, through knowledge of Jesus and their relationship with God. Unforgettable, too, were the fifteen minutes of absolute silence during the moment of prayer in Hyde Park.

The primacy of prayer in the life of Pope Benedict found new expression in the time after his resignation. For so many people, as we get older, the appetite for quietness and stillness increases. The Pope Emeritus has left us a great example of how our relationship with God can grow and freshen in later life. We give thanks for the Pope Emeritus' life and witness. And now, may he rest in peace indeed.

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 handrail has been fitted on the ramp entrance to the main church. Minor works finishing.

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 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 – WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18th – 25th January See posters on display. **Sacred Heart hosting Monday 23 January during 09.30 Mass.**

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – PRAYER ROTA 22nd January Hampton Wick Baptist Church Sandra Kimber; 29th January Christ Church Rev Dominic Stockford; 5th February St Michael's Church Rev. Ed Kendall.

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**

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/>

FCJ SPIRITUALITY CENTRE Faithful Companions of Jesus Retreat Centre enquiries.fcjcentre@fcjhouse-somertown.co.uk

DAY WITH MARY Holy Apostles, Winchester Street SW1V; Saturday 28 January 2023 www.adaywithmary.org See poster in hall.

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://wwme.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.

PROSPECTIVE CHORISTER FAMILIES WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL warmly welcomes families interested in chorister places for boys currently in Years 2, 3 or 4, for an **OPEN MORNING** on Sunday 5th February from 10am to 12noon. Becoming a chorister offers boys the opportunity to sing in our world-famous choir, and to join a world-class school for boys age 4 – 13, with up to 100% off fees on a means-tested basis. Interested families are invited to contact Lucy Auger to register for open morning. Telephone 020 7798 9081 or email lauger@choirschool.com or visit www.choirschool.com for more information.

RCIA FORMING NEW DISCIPLES A Day For Clergy And Catechists A time to explore the vision of RCIA and to hear our stories and to learn from each other. Saturday 4th February 2023 10.00am-3.00pm at Vaughan House (donation of £10) Refreshments and sandwich lunch (let us know any dietary requirements). Please book via email: catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

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

Weekday Masses

Saturday	21 st Jan	St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr Vigil Mass of 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30 – 11am 6pm	Adoration / Confession Benedict Sewell
Sunday	22 nd Jan	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Pedro D'Alonzo & Ana de Oliveira D'Alonzo RIP Intentions Sheila and Pat
Monday	23 rd Jan	Weekday of Ordinary Time	9.30am	Special intention
Tuesday	24 th Jan	St Francis de Sales, Bishop Doctor of the Church	9.30am	Sheila and Pat
Wednesday	25 th Jan	The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle	9.30am	Parishioners
Thursday	26 th Jan	Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops	No Mass	Pray the rosary at home
Friday	27 th Jan	St Angela Merici, Virgin	9.30am	Sean Murphy RIP
Saturday	28 th Jan	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest Doctor of the Church	9.30 – 11am 6.00pm	Adoration / Confession Sr. Mary Pass (Birthday intention)
Sunday	29 th Jan	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners Marie Blanc

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

(29th Jan, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A)

Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Matt 5:1-12a

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