



Sacred Heart, Teddington

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Parish Newsletter

29TH JANUARY 2023

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK IV

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

'God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord. (1 Cor. 1:26-31). Check out the feedback below from the week of prayer for Christian Unity. It has been like a retreat with time to reflect on the Word of God, of the tragedy of death and its consequences. Of the pain and suffering it causes. Of the freedom it ultimately brings. Life is a mystery supported by the wisdom of God. We can survive with our faith, others cannot hack it! God does not want evil and suffering but he sure makes use of them. Paul understood – he who sought to harm others, converted – he believed, trusted, became wise, virtuous and holy – he became FREE. George Floyd and Stephen Lawrence died but their lives have not been in vain. Christians together worldwide have prayed for them and united, for peace, justice and freedom. We are continually reminded seek truth, mercy and peace. "Act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:6-8

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** £125.42. 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.

SECOND COLLECTIONS : NEXT SUNDAY : RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY is on 5th February. The theme chosen for 2023 is "All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk together, pray together and work together". This was inspired by observations made by Pope Francis during his visit to Canada last year when he spoke about looking towards a future of 'Justice, healing and reconciliation' and by conversations following RJS 2022. Material for Racial Justice Sunday can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday>
Via website, reflect on the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023 material as a prelude to Racial Justice Sunday. Spiritually enriching!

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; 18Feb; 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. **STARTS NEXT WEEK**

CHURCH BUILDING WORKS UPDATE

On the roof we await additional gutters, mortar repairs, replacement tiles and the nave needs replacement gutters. Boundary wall work is under way and making good progress and it is being cleverly strengthened with steel posts. 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. 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. Two safety handrails have been fitted on the ramps. Minor works complete. Ceiling measured for costs.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25 JANUARY 2023 – I hope this was a spiritual experience for those who were able to participate with the different Churches in Teddington. Sunday evening was well attended at St. Peter and St. Paul's Centre, and we were blessed to welcome members of Churches together in Teddington to Sacred Heart on Monday. The theme of Injustice of Racism focused on George Floyd RIP and ended with the death of Stephen Lawrence RIP. Reflections around Humanity created in God's image; a place for us in heaven; Jesus praying for us; our immoral lives / sin; pain and rawness of suffering as experienced also by Jesus; called to follow Jesus by our good example; God uses our weaknesses, transforms them through healing, prayer and commitment to serving our brethren.

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 – PRAYER ROTA 29th January, Christ Church, Rev Dominic Stockford; 5th February, St Michael's Church, Rev. Ed Kendall; 12 February, St Mary with St Alban, Rev Caroline Halmshaw

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

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; 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.

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.

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)

CAFOD, CARITAS, MISSIO RECRUITING NOW: Volunteer Parish Reps From Sacred Heart Teddington Pick & choose –online.

LENTEN TALKS PROPOSAL Tuesday evenings 7pm and Wednesday morning 10.00 a.m. Themed discussion, reflection, reenergise.

Weekday Masses

Saturday	28 th Jan	St Thomas Aquinas, Priest Doctor of the Church	9.30 – 11am 6pm	Adoration and Confession Sr. Mary Pass (birthday intention)
Sunday	29 th Jan	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners Marie Blanc
Monday	30 th Jan	Weekday of Ordinary Time	9.30am	Special intention
Tuesday	31 st Jan	St John Bosco, Priest	9.30am	David Llanwarne (operation)
Wednesday	1 st Feb	Weekday of Ordinary Time	9.30am	Sheila Fallon RIP anniv
Thursday	2 nd Feb	The Presentation of the Lord	9.30am	Del Mary Spooner
Friday	3 rd Feb	St Blaise, Bishop, Martyr St Ansgar, Bishop	9.30am	Barbara and Les Franz
Saturday	4 th Feb	Weekday of Ordinary Time	9.30 – 11am 6.00pm	Adoration (no confession today) Liz
Sunday	5 th Feb	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners Anna and Michael Sullivan-Jones

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

(5th Feb, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A)

Isa 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Matt 5:13-16

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