



Sacred Heart, Teddington

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Parish Newsletter

5TH JANUARY 2023

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK I

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

'Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here'. (Isaiah 58:7-10). Consider the recent week of prayer for Christian Unity. It was 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 and of the freedom it ultimately brings. God does not want evil and suffering but he sure makes use of them. We prayed for George Floyd and Stephen Lawrence who died violent deaths and now we pray for Tyre Nichols. The cry of their bloodshed unites in the cry for peace and justice and for an end to all forms of violence and abuse. We are continually reminded: seek truth, mercy and peace. Give glory to God by living good and upright lives. When trials come, and you live them with faith and prayer, you will experience God's peace and justice, a reminder he is with us always. When we "Act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:6-8) God's light within shine in us, around us and through us. *Pray for an end to racism.*

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** £138.75. 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 WRC DT 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 : THIS 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!

THANKS FOR RECENT SECOND COLLECTIONS: PAX CHRISTI £64.20; Crib Collection for Catholic Children's Society £50.00

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 Tuesday 7pm; Wednesday 10.00a.m.**

DATES FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION 2023 - 11 Feb; 18Feb; 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 enroll: 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.

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 5th February, St Michael's Church Fulwell, Rev Ed Kendall; 12th February, St Mary with St Alban, Rev Caroline Halmshaw; 19th February Teddington Methodist Church, Rev David Innes

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

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/>

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.

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 at St Aloysius Church, Euston, NW1 1TA The event 10am – 2pm and is open to both members and non-members. We will start our celebration together with Mass; followed by a chance to meet one another in person, to find out more about what we are doing, and what we want to do in the future.

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.

Weekday Masses

Saturday	4 th Feb	Weekday of Ordinary Time	9.30 – 11am 6pm	Adoration Blessed Sacrament Liz Lisac (get well)
Sunday	5 th Feb	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners Anna & Michael Sullivan-Jones
Monday	6 th Feb	St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs	9.30am	Mary Bradley RIP anniv
Tuesday	7 th Feb	Weekday of Ordinary Time	9.30am	James Taylor RIP
Wednesday	8 th Feb	St Jerome Emiliani St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin	9.30am	Special intention
Thursday	9 th Feb	St Teilo, Bishop	9.30am	Doreen Laugharne RIP (Larne)
Friday	10 th Feb	St Scholastica, Virgin	9.30am	Trica and Cyril Meadows
Saturday	11 th Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes	9.30 – 11am 6.00pm	Adoration Blessed Sacrament Edward Shepherd RIP
Sunday	12 th Feb	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.15am	David Weston RIP Bernard White RIP

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

(12th Feb, 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A)

Eccl 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Matt 5:17-37

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