



Sacred Heart, Teddington

Parish Newsletter

21ST APRIL 2024

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Week IV

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me [...]; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd.' Ezechiel chapter 34 speaks of the bad shepherds who just take care of themselves. Generally priests are good and kind and receive the same goodness and kindness in return. In other walks of life leaders are as shepherds and also called to be good shepherds. Let us pray to God that we may all be good, kind, friendly, gentle, humble and self effacing like Jesus the Good Shepherd and let's pray that especially young people may hear the voice of God calling them to follow him through priestly ministry and that others may be missionaries or enter religious life. Serving the Lord is not always easy but it can be very rewarding.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL - For the role of women We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

THE SACRED HEART PARISH, TEDDINGTON AND HAMPTON WICK - OUR VISION AND DREAM

TO BE A BEACON OF LIGHT, A HUB OF LISTENING & OUTREACH. **WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF US AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS A PARISH?** PRAYER, DISCERNMENT, OPEN MINDS AND OPEN HEARTS.

PLEDGE FORMS FOR THE SACRED HEART CHURCH TEDDINGTON, ROOF AND CEILING BUILDING WORKS AN ENORMOUS HEARTFELT "THANK YOU" to all who have contributed in any way so far. **With great joy and heartfelt gratitude, so far £250k has been pledged. We still need to raise another £250k** (plus £85k contingency). Pledge forms are available in the hall or from the presbytery. *Fundraising initiatives will be welcomed during 2024. Please be pro-active in inviting others to make pledges.*

We need to keep the momentum going to reduce the remaining amount. Thanks again for your financial contributions and prayers. **Pledge payments have started.** New pledge start dates 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th of the month. NB include: Payment Reference: **BF + Surname & Initials.** *Please make contributions by cash, cheque or bank transfer to avoid deductions taken through QR code.*

GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION The Diocese are preparing for the next grant application. Let's hope future applications may be successful and that pledges may continue so as to reduce the amount of money needed as a loan from the diocese ... Maybe legacies will be forthcoming in the future... Let's hope and pray for God's Providence ... Thanks everyone who have helped in any way so far.

PARISH MATTERS AND NEWS FROM THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS The school is accepting applications now for children who are looking for either an immediate Nursery place or a place for Autumn 2024/Spring 2025. Sacred Heart Nursery is open all day during term time. Please telephone school for a tour. Further details and video available: Nursery Admissions Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School: sacredheartteddington.co.uk

SACRAMENT CLASSES - First Holy Communion April 27, May 11, 18 and 8 June. FHC 15 June at 12noon.

CONFIRMATION 2024 - please pray for the candidates preparing to make their Confirmation at St. Francis de Sales in June.

Declaration of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith "Dignitas Infinita" on Human Dignity, 08.04.2024. Declaration "Dignitas Infinita" on Human Dignity Presentation A document 5 years in the making ...

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/04/08/240408c.html>

Coming soon - something new ... **The First World Day for Children 25th - 26th May 2024** **Message of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, for The First World Day for Children 25th - 26th May 2024**

NEXT SECOND COLLECTION - 20TH & 21ST APRIL - ANNUAL PRIESTS TRAINING FUND COLLECTION This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday. Please pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 13 men studying at Allen Hall seminary from Westminster Diocese. One in Valladolid, and one in Rome; two at Redemptorist Mater. 3 deacons ordained last year. Basket or QR code on poster. Thank you for your support.

SUPPORT FOR THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE COMMUNITIES: Helping SDP UKRAINE projects. Send payments to: EGIDIO MONTANARI, IBAN NO. IT59 C030 6901 6021 0000 0061 578; SWIFT CODE: BCITITMMXXX; BANK: SANPAOLO, Filiale 00352, Via Antonio da Messina, 24 - 20146 MILANO (MI)

DON ORIONE OGGI MAGAZINE - news from SDP worldwide with translation option into English <http://www.donorione.org/>

In the DON ORIONE MARIAN YEAR from February 11 to November 20, 2024, the plenary indulgence can be gained every day and, in particular, on the listed Marian dates celebrating Mother of God. The aim: to bring our religious, staff and parishioners to Mary.

A CALL FOR SACRED HEART CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

• Fr. Stephen is looking for a second youth volunteer to train alongside one already identified from the parish. (See Fr. Stephen)

• Fr. Stephen is looking for more volunteers to set up for 11.15 Mass on Sundays (Please see Fr. Stephen or Diane)

Traci is looking for an office volunteer to assist with larger annual admin tasks a few times a year. Hours may be arranged to suit the volunteer. Please email teddingtonbk@rcdow.org.uk or catch her in the office on Wednesdays if you are interested.

PROPOSED CAKE SALE FOR 18TH/19TH MAY - IN AID OF BUILDING FUND. Bakers and helpers for each Mass needed please.

BEYOND OUR PARISH

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TEDDINGTON – PRAYER ROTA 21st April St Mark’s Church Rev Thomas Simpson;

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND Friends of the Holy Land is an apolitical and ecumenical charity, helping to support Christians in the Holy Land and to develop a resilient and enduring Christian community there. <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>

“A DAY IN CAMBRIDGE: AN INTERRELIGIOUS TOUR” ON WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL. The day will begin with a tour of the Woolf Institute, an organisation at the forefront of Christian, Jewish & Muslim dialogue. From here, we will visit the Cambridge Central Mosque (the “Eco-Mosque”). The mosque has been inspired by Islamic & English religious architectural traditions and is underpinned by sustainable, ecological values. The day will then finish with Evensong at King’s College Chapel. John Woodhouse, leader of the Westminster Interfaith Group, is running the day and we’d love if you were able to join us. The day is free, but you are asked to make your own travel arrangements. Confirmation of attendance should be sent to John Woodhouse woodhousesopten@btinternet.com

MARY’S MEALS www.marysmeals.org.uk See poster in hall.

VOLUNTEER - 2HRS BEING A LISTENING EAR SO A PARENT FEELS LESS ALONE 9th May - 20th June (not half-term, 30th May) 9:45am - 2:30pm Bullen Hall, Bennet Close, Hampton Wick, KT1 4AT

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD (SPUC) Threats against LIFE in E&W – Legalised assisted suicide in Scotland <https://www.spuc.org.uk/assistedsuicidescotland>; **DIY abortion up to birth** www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments for more info. **Assisted suicide debate. House of Commons 29 April at 4.30pm** <https://www.spuc.org.uk/livesworthliving> for more info. **SEE ALSO GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK** www.GoodCounselNetwork.com and <https://catholicherald.co.uk/can-pray-and-fasting-really-make-any-difference-when-it-comes-to-abortion/> **OTHER CHARITY APPEALS** Many to choose from. Please see posters in hall.

PLEASE CONSIDER, IN YOUR WILL, LEAVING A LEGACY TO THE WESTMINSTER DIOCESE OR SACRED HEART CHURCH

DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER • Legacy gifts are often the most significant donation you will ever make. If you have any questions about how to leave a Legacy, or any of our work, please be in touch directly. • You can find out more about Legacy giving by emailing your question to legacies@rcdow.org.uk, or by calling us on **020 7798 9025**. • Often, gifts made to the Diocese of Westminster are exempt from Inheritance tax. You should consult your legal adviser or accountant before making any decisions. **Join the many others considering our diocese in their Will** If you would like to let us know of your intentions, please contact: Legacies, Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustee (WRCDT), Registered Charity Number: 233699, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN. Your privacy is a priority for us. You can find out more here: <https://rcdow.org.uk/privacy/>. Thank you

OTHER SOURCES OF HELP

- Foodbank at St Michael’s Fulwell, Wilcox Road, TW11 OSP (07516 935 655 or www.richmondfoodbank.org.uk).
- Crosslight debt and money management advice, St Stephen’s TW1 (www.crosslightadvice.org/twickenham-east)
- Energy bills: see National Energy Action’s advice service at <https://www.nea.org.uk/get-help/> or call their helpline 0800 304 7159 (BSL interpreters available)
- National Domestic Abuse helpline: 0808 2000 247. If you’re affected by domestic abuse and would like faith-based counselling, please contact nikkidhillonk@rcdow.org.uk
- Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com; www.retrouvaille.org.uk
- Accommodation Sought For Refugees In The Borough Of Richmond. Please follow the link if you have accommodation for rent to help refugees including from Ukraine, Africa and Middle East [Refugees Welcome in Richmond \(RWinR\)](#)
- Home Start Hampton Wick. If you have parenting experience, a few hours to spare each week and want to make a difference to a local family, join Home Start’s network of trained volunteers, helping families with young children through challenging times. Interested? Contact Erin Laybourne, erin@homestart-rkh.org.uk or call 07884 536161; www.homestart-rkh.org.uk Volunteer - 2hrs
- Homeless: **THE PASSAGE** St. Vincent’s Centre, Carlisle Place SW1P 1NL tel: 02075921850 email: supportercare@passage.org.uk

NEXT WEEKEND’S READINGS

28th April
(5th Sunday of Easter, Year B)

Acts 9:26-31, 1 John 3:18-24;
John 15:1-8

PARISH INFORMATION

Fr Stephen Beale FDP, Parochial Administrator

Parish administrator: Phillippa Chaney, in the office Mon and Fri, 10am-2pm

Email: teddington@rcdow.org.uk, Telephone: 020 8977 2986

Bookkeeper: Traci: teddingtonbk@rcdow.org.uk In office: Weds 10.30am-2.30pm

Safeguarding: Estella Weston (teddingtonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

Mass times: Sunday: 9.30am and 11.15am; Mon-Wed, Fri: 9.30am at Sacred Heart or at Sons of Divine Providence Monday to Friday rosary 6pm, Mass 6.30pm; **Divine Mercy devotions first Sunday 2.30pm-3.30pm** (St. Edward’s Hall, 13 Lower Teddington Road, Hampton Wick, KT14EU)

Next week’s Mass Intentions

Day	Date	Intention	Time	Notes
Saturday	20 th April	St Beuno, Abbot	9.30-11am 6pm	Adoration and Confessions Anntenetta Raff (get well)
Sunday	21 st April	4 th Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners The Read family
Monday	22 nd April	Weekday of Easter	9.30am	Special intention
Tuesday	23 rd April	St George, Martyr, Patron of England	9.30am	Brenda DeSouza (get well)
Wednesday	24 th April	St Fidelis of Sigmarinen, Priest, Martyr St Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr	9.30am	Eileen Dundas (get well)
Thursday	25 th April	St Mark, Evangelist	No Mass	Pray the rosary for world peace and justice
Friday	26 th April	Weekday of Easter	09.30	Stephen Franz (birthday)
Saturday	27 th April	Weekday of Easter	pray at home 6pm	No Saturday morning prayer 27 th April Annie Franz (birthday)
Sunday	28 th April	5 th Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.15am	Parishioners Peter Alan Read RIP (1st anniv)