

# The News Sheet

Sunday 4th March 2018

3rd Sunday of Lent Psalter Week 3

The Parish of the Holy Trinity,  
Stroud Green



with  
Holy Innocents, Hornsey

## WELCOME TO CHURCH - 2018 - A Year of Invitation

Today's hymns are: 113, 495, 390 and 380.

Please stay for refreshments in the Groves Room after Mass.

### A Spiritual Spring Clean

In today's gospel at Mass we hear about Jesus cleansing the temple. What had originally been a dignified place of worship and a sacred place for pilgrimage had become cluttered by human commerce, and a symbol of religion which had lost its way. This action by Jesus is a constant reminder to us that whatever we do publicly in church worship should also be making a difference to our inner spiritual lives.

Lent occurs in spring time, and can usefully be seen as a good time for some spring cleaning in our spiritual lives. In the week before Passover Jewish families have to make sure that any of the previous year's flour in bread, cake or biscuit is cleared out of the house before the special meal of unleavened bread. We could do well to use Lent as a time for a thorough examination of our conscience (and possibly confession) - in other words to ask God to clear out those sins and preoccupations which keep us from loving him, others and ourselves as we should. Jesus cleansed the physical temple; we should use these Lenten weeks to ask him to cleanse us too who are temples - temples of the Holy Spirit.

#### Congratulations, Gemma

We are very pleased to announce that one of our pastoral assistants, Gemma, has just been recommended for training for ordination. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

#### The Women's World Day of Prayer

Thank you to all who helped and supported this service despite the severe cold weather on Friday.

#### Youth Alpha

Youth Alpha is a course for young people for 8 weeks after the 11:30 Mass on Sundays. Come along and explore the basics of the Christian faith with discussion, videos, Q & A's and Pizza! For more information speak to Millie.

#### Mothering Sunday

Next Sunday is mothering Sunday and we hope to involve our children and young people especially in the 11.30 am Mass.

#### Holy Trinity PCC

Meets next on Monday 12th March beginning with Evening Prayer at 7.45 pm. Papers will be available to members next Sunday.



### Lent 2018



**Lenten Devotions in Music, Art and Word** This Tuesday at 8.15 pm following the 7.30 pm Mass we shall be reflecting on the crowning of Jesus with thorns with readings, images, reflections and music by J.S. Bach and François Couperin. The performers this Tuesday will be Daniel Collins (counter tenor) Marion Bettsworth (organ) and Irena Henderson (cello).

**Talks on Vocation at Holy Innocents** At 10.15 on Wednesday mornings during Lent each member of the parish team will take it in turns to speak and answer questions about the journey God has led them on. This week our pastoral assistant Millie will talk about her spiritual journey.

This Friday the **Ecumenical Stations of the Cross** will take place at 7.30 pm here at Holy Trinity and be followed by a frugal supper in aid of the **Diocese of London Lent Appeal**. We are also supporting this appeal by serving soup after Mass on Sundays and asking donations for this. Offers to make soup for a Sunday in Lent would be greatly appreciated.

#### Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Walsingham

On Saturday 14th April we shall be going on pilgrimage to Walsingham with some of our neighbouring churches. Leaving Holy Innocents at 8.00 am, we shall arrive at the Catholic shrine for the noon Mass, and then go to the village for sprinkling, Anglican Mass and devotions during the afternoon. Pilgrims will need to bring a packed lunch or purchase lunch locally. A hot meal at 5.00 pm will be included in the cost of £30, and we should arrive back about 9.00 pm. To book a place please buy a ticket from Fr. Patrick.

### THE WEEK AHEAD

(Services are at Holy Trinity unless indicated otherwise)

#### Monday 5th

7.30 am  
9.30 am  
10 am to noon  
7.30 pm

#### St. Piran

Morning Prayer  
Mass at Holy Innocents  
*Trinity Toddlers* Playgroup (hall)  
Choir Practice

#### Tuesday 6th

9.30 am  
10.00 am  
7.30 pm  
8.15pm

#### Lent Feria

Morning Prayer at St. Paul's  
Mass at St. Paul's  
Mass  
Lent Devotions in music, art and word

#### Wednesday 7th

7.30 am  
9.30 am

#### Ss Perpetua and Felicity

Morning Prayer  
Mass at Holy Innocents followed by a talk

#### Thursday 8th

9.30 am  
11.00 to 1.30 pm  
6.30 pm

#### Lent Feria

Morning Prayer at Holy Innocents  
*Thursdays Together* in church hall  
Mass at Holy Innocents

#### Friday 9th

7.30 am  
7.30 pm

#### Lent Feria

Morning Prayer  
Stations of the Cross at Holy Trinity

#### Saturday 10th

12.00 pm

#### Lent Feria

Mass at Holy Innocents

#### SUNDAY 11th

11.30 am  
12.45 pm  
5.00 pm

#### 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

Sung Mass and Children's Liturgy  
Youth Alpha  
*Contemplate* at Holy Innocents