

The News Sheet

Sunday 16th December 2018
3rd Sunday of Advent (C) 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: 522, 398, 332 and 684. Please stay for refreshments in the Groves Room after Mass.

THE WEEK AHEAD

(Services are at Holy Trinity unless indicated otherwise)

Monday 17th 9.30 am 11.00 am	Advent Feria Mass at Holy Innocents Funeral Service for Renetta Hibbert RIP
Tuesday 18th 9.00 am 7.10 pm 7.30 pm 8.15 pm	Advent Feria Morning Prayer at Holy Innocents Evening Prayer Mass Concert by Crouch End Singers
Wednesday 19th 7.30 am 9.30 am 7.00 pm	Advent Feria Morning Prayer Mass at Holy Innocents Carols on the Green
Thursday 20th 7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Advent Feria Mass at Holy Innocents Carols for CAFOD at St. Peter in Chains
Friday 21st 7.30 am	Advent Feria Morning Prayer
Saturday 22nd 12.00 pm	Advent Feria Mass at Holy Innocents
SUNDAY 23rd 11.30 am After Mass	Fourth Sunday of Advent Sung Mass Church Decorating and Cleaning

The Church looks nice....

One of the best known and best loved poems is one called 'Christmas' by John Betjeman. It contains the memorable lines 'No love that in a family dwells, no carolling in frosty air, nor all the steeple-shaking bells, can with this single truth compare - That God was man in Palestine and lives today in bread and wine.' As Advent draws to its climax we are preparing to celebrate this truth in our Christmas Masses in church. The sombre liturgical purple will give way to brilliant white, and the starkness of the interior will be replaced by beautiful decorations.

Earlier in this poem Betjeman writes 'The holly in the windy hedge and round the manor house the yew will soon be stripped to deck the ledge, the altar, font, and arch and pew, so that the villages can say "The church looks nice" on Christmas Day.' Here at Holy Trinity we may not have many windy hedges, arches or indeed manor houses, but **we do need people to help clean and decorate next Sunday after Mass.** The transformation of the church doesn't happen by accident. Our small but dedicated band of cleaners very much need others to help, so that Holy Trinity Church looks nice on Christmas Day.

Advent Prayer Tree

An 'Advent tree' has been placed at the back of church with small labels are available for people to write the names of the people or the things they will be praying for in Advent (anonymously if liked). These can be hung on the tree.

11.30 Mass today

Today's Mass will involve our children and young people and be followed by some special refreshments for them.

Christmas Card delivery

As usual we have had some special cards printed with details of the Christmas services in church. These need delivering locally. Can you spare an hour or so to do this in the next couple of days? Please sign the street list near the cards.

Renetta Hibbert RIP

The funeral service for the late Renetta Hibbert of Victoria Road will take place at Holy Trinity at 11.00 am on Monday 17th December. May she rest in peace.

Parish Christmas Meal - Monday 17th December

We are reserving places at the *Sumak* Restaurant for 7.00 pm on 17th December. To book, please give the cost of £20 to Fr. Patrick or Irena today. This includes food, drink and a staff gratuity.

Crouch End Singers Concert

Crouch End Singers will entertain us with seasonal music in church after Mass at 8.15 pm Tuesday. Please support them.

Christmas Day Meal

Union Church in Weston Park are again hosting their Christmas Dinner from 12.30 pm on Christmas Day. Please phone 020 8341 3918 directly or see Fr. Patrick if you would like to know more. Transport can be arranged.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Wednesday 19th December at 7.00 pm
Thursday 20th December at 7.30 pm
Christmas Eve at 4.00 pm
Christmas Eve at 8.00 pm
Christmas Day at 10.00 am

Carols on the Green - Informal community carol singing
Carols for CAFOD at St. Peter in Chains, Womersley Road, N8
Children's Crib Service
Candlelit First Mass of Christmas
Family Mass with Carols
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