

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 20th January 2019

2nd Sunday of the Year (C) Psalter Week 2

The Parish of the Holy Trinity,
Stroud Green



with
Holy Innocents, Hornsey

WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY - Seeking to know and serve God and our local community

Today's hymns are: 661, 773, 499 and 190. Please stay for refreshments after Mass.

Joy in the Gospel



In today's gospel reading we hear the well-known account of the wedding at Cana. St. John doesn't say that Jesus did 'miracles' or 'marvels'. He calls them 'signs' because they are gestures that point toward something deeper than what our eyes can see. Concretely the signs that Jesus performs point to Jesus' person and describe his saving power to us. In that 'changing of water into wine' we find the key to understand the type of saving transformation that Jesus works. It all happens in the context of a wedding feast, the human party par excellence, the most expressive symbol of love, the best image of the biblical tradition to express the definitive communion of God with human beings. Jesus' salvation must be lived and offered by his followers as a 'party' that gives fullness to all human parties when these end up empty, 'without wine' and without leaving them really fulfilled.

THE WEEK AHEAD

(Services are at Holy Trinity unless indicated otherwise)

Monday 21st	St Agnes
7.30 am	Morning Prayer
9.30 am	Mass at Holy Innocents
10 am to noon	Trinity Toddlers Playgroup (hall)
Tuesday 22nd	Feria
9.00 am	Morning Prayer at Holy Innocents
7.10 pm	Evening Prayer
7.30 pm	Mass
8.15 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday 23rd	Feria
7.30 am	Morning Prayer
9.30 am	Mass at Holy Innocents
Thursday 24th	St. Francis de Sales
11.00 to 1.30 pm	<i>Thursdays Together</i> in church hall
7.00 pm	Mass at Holy Innocents
Friday 25th	Conversion of St. Paul
7.30 am	Morning Prayer
Saturday 26th	Feria
12.00 pm	Mass at Holy Innocents
SUNDAY 27th	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
11.30 am	Sung Mass and Sunday School
5.00 pm	<i>Contemplate</i> at Holy Innocents

At the wedding feast, the water could be tasted as wine only when it was 'drawn out' that is, transferred from the six large stone water jars used by the Jews for their purifications. Our faith needs to be freed by the love and the life that Jesus communicates. In order to communicate the transforming power of Jesus, words alone are not enough; gestures of service are also needed. Evangelizing isn't just talking, preaching or teaching. We need to make our own the example and joyful style of Jesus himself. Our churches today should be places of joy and celebration, where people can feel welcomed, as at the wedding in Cana.

Holy Innocents Night Shelter Volunteers needed

At the moment the Thursday evening team are short of volunteers for some night shifts from 9.30pm to 7.00am. There is a team of 4 who take it in turns to stay awake during the night. For more information please email hiwinternightshelter@gmail.com

Prayer list

We are in the process of revising and updating the list of names of those in special need we read out and pray for on Sundays. If you would like a name included please write it on a piece of paper and give it to Fr. Patrick.

Licensing of Ministers of Holy Communion

We will be re-licensing our ministers of Communion during the Mass next Sunday, when we will also be admitting some new people to this important ministry.

Candlemas Service - Friday 1st February

There will be a sung Mass at Holy Innocents at 7.30 pm for the beautiful feast of the Presentation of our Lord.

Parish Fundraising Meal

On Sunday 3rd February from 1.30 pm the McCarthy family have kindly offered to cook and serve a traditional three-course roast meal (with vegetarian options) in the Groves Room in aid of Tottenham Refugee Alliance. The Cost is £10 for adults and £5 for children under 10. For further details please see the poster in church. Please speak to Irena or Fr. Patrick if you would like to come.

Quiz Evening

Another Quiz Evening in aid of Action for Kids has been booked for Friday evening 1st March at 7.30 pm. Admission £10 - bring your own drinks.