

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 6th January 2019

Sunday of the Epiphany (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: 55, 788, 79 and 99. Please stay for refreshments after Mass.

THE WEEK AHEAD

(Services are at Holy Trinity unless indicated otherwise)

Monday 7th 7.30 am 9.30 am	Christmas Feria Morning Prayer Mass at Holy Innocents
Tuesday 8th 9.00 am 7.10 pm 7.30 pm 8.15 pm	Christmas Feria Morning Prayer at Holy Innocents Evening Prayer Mass Choir Practice in church
Wednesday 9th 7.30 am 9.30 am	Christmas Feria Morning Prayer Mass at Holy Innocents
Thursday 10th 11.00 to 1.30 pm 7.00 pm	Christmas Feria <i>Thursdays Together</i> in the church hall Mass at Holy Innocents
Friday 11th 7.30 am	Christmas Feria Morning Prayer
Saturday 12th 12.00 pm	Christmas Feria Mass at Holy Innocents
SUNDAY 13th 11.30 am 5.00 pm	Baptism of the Lord Sung Mass, Baptism and Sunday School <i>Contemplate</i> at Holy Innocents



Epiphany and Gifts

Today's feast, Epiphany, celebrates the arrival of the wise men at the crib at Bethlehem. In his gospel, Matthew records they brought the infant Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These seem totally impractical things to give to an infant, but they were 'Solemn things of mystic meaning' as the words of one of our hymns today put it. Whilst each gift was precious in itself, the real value they had was their symbolic pointing to who Jesus would be - 'King and God and Sacrifice', in the words of another carol. The word Epiphany means 'manifestation' or 'showing'.

Bringing and offering gifts is a natural expression of love and respect for another person. As we begin a new year we can ask ourselves if we can be more generous in offering our gifts to God and for others. We all have them, they may be material gifts, gifts of time or gifts of a particular skill. Jesus, in his teaching as an adult, often told parables which commended people who made the best use of gifts entrusted to them. May we all make the best use of those gifts, skills and possessions God has given to us in 2019.

Thank you

Fr. Patrick would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to clean and decorate church for Christmas and who gave him and Irena Christmas cards and gifts.

A very happy and peaceful new year 2019 to everyone.



Choir Practice and new music

We are planning a number of Sundays when there will be some special or new music this year, and there will be a choir practice for some of this on Tuesday this week in church at 8.15 pm.

Thursdays Together

Our weekly lunchtime 'drop-in' with light refreshments available starts again this Thursday at 11.00 am in the church hall.

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