

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 3rd February 2019

4th Sunday of the Year (C) Psalter Week 4

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: 109, 398, 517 and 813. Please stay for refreshments after Mass.

A Picture

What image do you have of God? If you were asked to draw a picture of God what would be the result? In a sense we could say that Jesus Christ drew for us a picture of what God is like. Our gospel reading points to an essential element of the reality that is God. He is the God of all peoples; he belongs to all classes; nobody is excluded from his love.

Jesus drew that picture when he bluntly rebuked his townspeople in Nazareth for their rejection of his message. He pointed to unlearned lessons of the past and so indicated that his own mission too would embrace the Gentiles. And so it was. There is about Jesus and his actions a certain universalism. His disciples come from a range of backgrounds; his mission is weighted in favour of the poor and disadvantaged, yet he dines with the powerful and wealthy; his healing ministry benefits both the poor and the powerful, Gentiles and Jews. It is clear that all people from all walks of life and from all nations will be the recipients of God's saving message. He embodies the characteristics of the beautiful hymn to love that is our second reading today.

Yet Jesus' universalism is never bland. There is always a strong hint of challenge about it - a challenge to us to be what God wants us to be. So Jesus will reprimand his disciples for their overweening ambition; and he will constantly call on those who are rich and powerful to become like himself and to be of service to the powerless and poor.

The people in his home village would not accept that his message was not a gospel of status or privilege. They failed to see that with God charity begins wherever human need is found and when people have a welcoming faith to receive it. Jesus came to preach the good news about the mercy of God to those open to receive it. The challenge to us is to have a picture of God based on what Jesus taught about him. If we were to draw one, let's hope that it would be recognizably the same as what Jesus taught.

THE WEEK AHEAD

(Services are at Holy Trinity unless indicated otherwise)

Monday 4th 7.30 am 9.30 am 10 am to noon	Feria Morning Prayer Mass at Holy Innocents Trinity Toddlers Playgroup (hall)
Tuesday 5th 9.00 am 7.10 pm 7.30 pm	St. Agatha Morning Prayer at Holy Innocents Evening Prayer Mass
Wednesday 6th 7.30 am 9.30 am	St. Paul Miki Morning Prayer Mass at Holy Innocents
Thursday 7th 11.00 to 1.30 pm 7.00 pm	Feria <i>Thursdays Together</i> in church hall Mass at Holy Innocents
Friday 8th 7.30 am	Feria Morning Prayer
Saturday 9th 12.00 pm	Feria Mass at Holy Innocents
SUNDAY 10th 11.30 am 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sung Mass and Sunday School <i>Contemplate</i> at Holy Innocents Taizé Service

Parish Fundraising Meal

A massive 'thank you' to the McCarthy family who are cooking and serving lunch today in aid of the Tottenham Refugee Alliance.

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.

Taizé Service

The next evening service using music from Taizé will be next Sunday 10th February at 6.00 pm.



PCC Meeting

Holy Trinity PCC will meet next in church on Monday 11th February following Evening Prayer at 7.45 pm. Papers will be available next Sunday. If members have items for the Agenda, please contact Fr. Patrick before Friday.

Funeral for Margaret Maloney RIP

Margaret's Funeral Mass will be held at St. Peter in Chains on Tuesday 12th February at 10.00 am.

Pray through Lent

This Lent we are going to be offering people the opportunity to see a spiritual director for half an hour each week. You will be able to speak to a trained person who will help you really pray through the holy season. More details will follow soon.