

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 7th April 2019

5th Sunday of Lent (C) Psalter Week 1

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: 74, 399, 499 and 351. Please stay for refreshments after Mass.

Forgiveness and Freedom

People are fascinated by scandals and violence. The accusers of the woman in today's gospel were fascinated by sin. Perhaps this shows a more general need of people to identify hate figures on whom they can project our own negative energies. The instinct to load personal guilt onto a scapegoat is as old as society. Such emotions bind us in chains as they did the woman's accusers.

Jesus not only freed the woman from her sin by his forgiveness, but he also forced the bystanders to consider their own guilt - thereby offering them too the possibility of liberation. Isaiah wants his people to pass on from the humiliating memories of exile to marvel at the new deeds of God. Paul forgets his past misdeed to strain ahead towards Christ. Preparation for Easter is a call to rise above negative memories and emotions which turn our hearts to stone and to embrace the healing and forgiveness Jesus offers.

Neville Selvaratnam RIP

We were saddened to hear of the death after a short illness, of Neville, our former head server at Holy Trinity. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary, Joshua and Pam and other members of his family.

Holy Trinity Lent Group

Each Tuesday in Lent at 8.15 pm there is an opportunity for prayer, discussion, watching a short video clip and looking at a Bible passage or two to help us enter more into the mystery which is God.

Saturday 'Marks of Discipleship' Lent Course

This Saturday 13th April the theme is *Growing in Prayer*, and the event is at St. Mary's South Ruislip (Fr. Eric's new parish) starting at 11.00 am. and finishing at 3.00 pm. It includes lunch. If you would like to go please meet at the ticket office at Finsbury Park Station that day at 10.00 am.

New Electoral Roll - Last chance to join before the APCM

All existing members of the electoral roll and people new to Holy Trinity are asked to complete a form. Please take one from the back of church and return it to the box provided.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting and forms

Forms to be nominated to serve as churchwardens or members of the PCC are available at the back of church. The APCM will take place after Mass on Sunday 28th April over a 'bring and share' lunch.

Short Charity Concert on Saturday 13th April

There will be a short concert of baroque classical music in Holy Trinity this Saturday at 6.00 pm by the *Kallista Trio* in aid of the Tottenham Refugee Alliance. It will feature music by Bach, Vivaldi and Telemann. Free admission - retiring collection.

Easter Preparations

On Holy Saturday 20th April we will be cleaning and decorating the church in preparation for the glorious Easter services. Please consider offering some time to help that morning from 9.45 (even if only an hour or so), as many hands make light work. We would also be very grateful for donations towards the cost of Easter flowers. These can be given to Fr. Patrick or to one of the Churchwardens. Thank you.

THE WEEK AHEAD

(Services are at Holy Trinity unless indicated otherwise)

Monday 8th

7.30 am
9.30 am

Lent Feria

Morning Prayer
Mass at Holy Innocents

Tuesday 9th

9.00 am
7.10 pm
7.30 pm
8.15 pm

Lent Feria

Morning Prayer at Holy Innocents
Evening Prayer
Mass
Lent Group in Lady Chapel

Wednesday 10th

7.30 am
9.30 am

Lent Feria

Morning Prayer
Mass at Holy Innocents

Thursday 11th

11.00 to 1.30 pm
7.00 pm

Lent Feria

Thursdays Together in church hall
Mass at Holy Innocents

Friday 12th

7.30 am

Lent Feria

Morning Prayer

Saturday 13th

12.00 pm
6.00 pm

Lent Feria

Mass at Holy Innocents
Charity Concert in Church

SUNDAY 14th

11.30 am

PALM SUNDAY

Blessing of Palms, Procession and Sung Mass
Evening Service with Benediction at Holy Innocents

6.00 pm