

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 17th November 2019

33rd Sunday of the Year (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: 22, 795, 812 and 778 Please stay for refreshments after Mass.

The Cross Stands

Last Sunday, our readings spoke about the after-life and urged us to entrust ourselves into God's hands, for He is the God of the living. But how literally should we take what Jesus says today about the end of time? Our Liturgy says that he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. But it is still impossible to know the details about the end of time. Some street-corner orators delight in warning us about catastrophes about to befall the sinful world. Jesus warns against believing such vivid predictions. Even though he himself used the idea of the judgment day as a motive to turn people's hearts back to God, he admitted that "no one knows the date, not even the Son, but the Father only."



There are too many references to the Final Judgment in our Scriptures to dismiss it as merely a figure of speech. Many believers find it helpful to keep the Judgment-Day as part of their spiritual horizon. It is a way of keeping some balance amid our daily activity. Seeing our problems and our successes in the light of eternity, helps us see everything as relative, and that God is the ultimate judge of all. This is a cause of great hope at a time of unrest and uncertainty in the world. As the motto of Carthusian monks puts it, 'The cross stands while the world turns.'

THE WEEK AHEAD

(Services are at Holy Trinity unless indicated otherwise)

Monday 18th

7.30 am Morning Prayer
9.30 am No Trinity Toddlers Playgroup
9.30 am Mass at Holy Innocents

Tuesday 19th

Feria
8.00 am Morning Prayer at Holy Innocents
11.00 am Funeral of Arnold Swaby RIP
6.30 pm Holy Hour
7.10 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Mass
8.15 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday 20th

Feria
7.30 am Morning Prayer
9.30 am Mass at Holy Innocents

Thursday 21st

Presentation of the BVM
11.00 to 1.00 pm *Thursdays Together* in church hall
12.30 pm Funeral of Adeniyi Rotibi RIP
7.00 pm Mass at Holy Innocents

Friday 22nd

St. Cecilia
9.10 am Morning Prayer
9.30 am Mass
4.30 pm Children's choir practice in church

Saturday 23rd

Feria
12.00 noon Mass at Holy Innocents

SUNDAY 24th

CHRIST THE KING
11.30 am **Sung Mass**
5.00 pm 'Contemplate' at Holy Innocents

Ambassadors

Today we welcome Rev Nigel Taylor, who is the Edmonton Area Director of Training and Development, to preach about a Diocesan scheme to enable people to become more confident in speaking and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A number of people have, in different ways, expressed an element of reticence and lack of confidence in speaking about or sharing their Christian faith in a way that is natural for them.

After Mass Rev Nigel will also lead a discussion about this, so please get a cup of tea or coffee and come back into church to hear him.

Taizé

The monthly service of prayer, readings, music and reflection will take place here at Holy Trinity this evening at 6.00 pm.

Arnold Swaby RIP

Mr Swaby's funeral will take place here at 11.00 am on Tuesday 19th November. May he rest in peace.

Holy Hour

Starting this Tuesday there will be an opportunity for silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 6.30 pm. Evening Prayer at 7.10 and Mass at 7.30 will take place as usual. Why not use this chance to spend some quiet time with our Lord in the company of others?

Advent Service - the Advent of our King

Our service of readings, music and reflections for the first Sunday of Advent takes place on Sunday 1st December at 6.00 pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. There are choir practices for adults at 8.15 pm in church on Tuesday and for children at 4.30 pm in church on Friday of this week.

Confirmation 26th January 2020

Confirmation is the occasion for a person to affirm their Christian faith and to receive a special blessing from the bishop. Forms are available at the back of church to fill in and return to Fr. Patrick if you would like to know more.