

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 1st December 2019

1st Sunday of Advent (A) 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: 255, 272, 535 and 368 Please stay for refreshments after Mass.

Joy, wonder and gratitude in Advent

We begin this season of Advent in a spirit of expectation. During this time we look forward not just to the birthday of Jesus at Bethlehem but also for his second coming at the end of time.

Mary is a woman with something to teach us this Advent. She was a model for our spirit of waiting in Advent. The key attitude is one of being alert, being ready, so as not to miss the time of his coming, 'you must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect'. These words sound like a warning as though God were ready to pounce and catch us off guard with our affairs not in order. But they are also a promise, filled with hope. The coming of the Christ was and is the best of good news, a gift beyond imagining! It calls for joy and gratitude. Our response should be not fear, but awe and wonder.



THE WEEK AHEAD

(Services are at Holy Trinity unless indicated otherwise)

Monday 2nd	Feria
7.30 am	Morning Prayer
9.30 am	Trinity Toddlers Playgroup in hall
9.30 am	Mass at Holy Innocents
Tuesday 3rd	St. Francis Xavier
8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Holy Innocents
6.30 pm	Holy Hour
7.10 pm	Evening Prayer
7.30 pm	Mass
Wednesday 4th	Feria
7.30 am	Morning Prayer
9.30 am	Mass at Holy Innocents
Thursday 5th	Feria
11.00 to 1.00 pm	<i>Thursdays Together in church hall</i>
7.00 pm	Mass at Holy Innocents
Friday 6th	Feria
9.10 am	Morning Prayer
9.30 am	Mass
7.30 pm	Secret Life of Carols concert in church (£12 or £8 conc.)
Saturday 7th	St. Ambrose
12.00 noon	Mass at Holy Innocents
SUNDAY 8th	2nd Sunday of Advent
11.30 am	Sung Mass
5.00 pm	<i>'Contemplate'</i> at Holy Innocents

First Holy Communions

Today two of our young people will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time after some weeks of careful preparation. We congratulate them and keep them in our prayers.

Advent Service - the Advent of our King - Tonight

Our service of readings, music and reflections for the first Sunday of Advent takes place this evening at 6.00 pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Holy Hour

Each Tuesday there is 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.

A Living Advent Calendar

Is a festive community art project. 24 houses and hubs in the Stroud Green community will illuminate their windows with festive decorations. One window is 'opened' at 6.30pm each day in December, from the 1st to the 24th. At each 'opening', neighbours are invited to join for a small gathering. **Holy Trinity will 'open' an Advent window by the main door of the church on Sunday week 15th December at 6.30 pm. If you would like to be involved in preparing it, please speak to Fr. Patrick.** For other information, please contact Julia on: 07870 207798 juliakirbysmith@gmail.com

Parish Christmas Meal

As usual we have booked places at the Sumak Restaurant for our parish Christmas meal at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 18th December. The cost is £20 per adult and £10 per child including drinks. Please give the money to Fr. Patrick or Irena if you would like to come.

December Dates for the Diary

Thursday 12th December at 7.30 pm
Sunday 15th December at 6.30 pm
Monday 16th December at 7.30 pm
Friday 20th December at 7.00 pm
Sunday 22nd December at 6.00 pm
Christmas Eve 24th December
Christmas Day 25th December

Christingle Service with the Brownies and Guides
Opening of Holy Trinity Church Advent Window
Charity Carol Service at Holy Trinity with the children's choir
Carols on the Green - Informal outdoor community carol singing
Joint Carol Service at Holy Innocents Church
4.00 pm Children's Crib Service - 11.30 pm Midnight Mass
10.00 am Family Mass with carols

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.