

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 5th January 2020

Feast of the Epiphany (A) 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: 788, 692, 55 and 99 Please stay for refreshments after Mass.

THIS WEEK

(Services are at Holy Trinity unless indicated otherwise)

Monday 6th	Christmas Feria
7.30 am	Morning Prayer
9.30 am	Mass at Holy Innocents
Tuesday 7th	Christmas Feria
8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Holy Innocents
6.30 pm	Holy Hour
7.10 pm	Evening Prayer
7.30 pm	Mass
Wednesday 8th	Christmas Feria
7.30 am	Morning Prayer
9.30 am	Mass at Holy Innocents
Thursday 9th	Christmas Feria
11.00 to 1.00 pm	<i>Thursdays Together in church hall</i>
7.00 pm	Mass at Holy Innocents
Friday 10th	Christmas Feria
9.10 am	Morning Prayer
9.30 am	Mass
Saturday 11th	Christmas Feria
	Bishop of Fulham's Day at Southwark Cathedral
12.00 noon	Mass at Holy Innocents
SUNDAY 12th	The Baptism of the Lord
11.30 am	Sung Mass

Seeking the Truth

The Magi of the Gospel were real wise men. They were not looking for money or power. They were people seeking the truth, seeking God's light, God's love, because that was all that could satisfy them. As soon as they sensed that this was the star of the Saviour, they made their way to Jerusalem, that being the capital and thus where kings should be born.

When the wise men find a poor child, not in Jerusalem but in Bethlehem, they're not disappointed or put off. They don't think the star has brought them to the wrong address. Instead they kneel down and worship. They just take God as they find Him. They experience the meaning of this feast, which is called Epiphany because it's when God "showed" Himself to people. The Magi receive God for what he wants to give them. And so God's light fills their hearts.

This is a hopeful story, because it shows Jesus Christ drawing people to Himself through the truths which exist in their religions, so that they may find fulfilment and their journey's end in Christ and the fullness of the Christian Faith. But it challenges us too. Are we willing to take God as we find Him (as He finds us), trust Him to lead us rather than telling Him what we want and using all means to get it? It's very hard to trust God sometimes if you've been hurt or feel lost. But deep down we know that these passing things won't satisfy us, and that real Light – which is a universal symbol of all religions – only comes from God, and comes sometimes when we least expect it.

Fulham Epiphany Festival Saturday 11th January

Bishop Jonathan will celebrate a Mass at Southwark Cathedral at 11.00 am this Saturday 11th January, and there will be afternoon workshops on sacramental preparation and stewardship. Meet at Finsbury Park Station (main entrance) at 9.30 am this Saturday if you would like to go and travel with other people.

Stewardship of time, talents and treasure

Please take and read one of the letters from the PCC if you haven't already done so. Thank you to those who have responded.

Clear out Day

Thank you to everyone who came and helped sort and clear out 'clutter' from the church hall yesterday.

Ambassadors

Many people will remember the sermon preached by and the discussion led by Re Nigel Taylor in November on being an 'ambassador' for Christ. Ambassadors is a London Diocesan programme that helps people grow in confidence in sharing their faith with others. With Holy Innocents we are following this up with a series of groups for people interested in learning more. The first will meet at Holy Innocents Vicarage on Wednesday 22nd January at 7.00 pm. Food will be provided.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 3rd to 7th August 2020

The Society of Mary are organizing a pilgrimage to Lourdes in France which includes return flights, full board accommodation, a full pilgrimage programme of devotions and some excursions. The cost is £720 per person (for a shared room) with a single room supplement of £160 if desired. There are also some subsidized places for people aged 18 and under. Please speak to Fr. Patrick for more information.

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