

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 19th January 2020

2nd Sunday of the Year (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: 738, 495, 228 and 80 Please stay for refreshments after Mass.

THIS WEEK

(Services are at Holy Trinity unless indicated otherwise)

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| Monday 20th | Feria |
| 7.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| 9.30 am | Mass at Holy Innocents |
| 9.30 am | Trinity Toddlers Playgroup in hall |
| 7.45 pm | Evening Prayer |
| 8.00 pm | PCC Meeting in church |
| Tuesday 21st | St. Agnes |
| 8.00 am | Morning Prayer at Holy Innocents |
| 6.30 pm | Holy Hour |
| 7.10 pm | Evening Prayer |
| 7.30 pm | Mass |
| Wednesday 22nd | Feria |
| 7.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| 9.30 am | Mass at Holy Innocents |
| Thursday 23rd | Feria |
| 11.00 to 1.00 pm | <i>Thursdays Together in church hall</i> |
| 7.00 pm | Mass at Holy Innocents |
| Friday 24th | St. Francis de Sales |
| 9.10 am | Morning Prayer |
| 9.30 am | Mass |
| Saturday 25th | Conversion of St. Paul |
| 12.00 noon | Mass at Holy Innocents |
| SUNDAY 26th | 2nd Sunday of the Year |
| 11.30 am | Sung Mass |
| 5.00 pm | <i>Contemplate</i> at Holy Innocents |

Taking Stock

We hear John's dramatic declaration, 'Behold the Lamb of God' in today's gospel reading. The Baptist urges us to ask what are we fundamentally about, and then to seek to reset our lives. St Paul reminds us that we are "called to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." This is an invitation to do a personal stock-taking during this first month of the new year, and to make some resolutions to improve the quality of our lives. An honest stock-taking of ourselves may unveil the selfish motives that often direct our actions. To rise above an ego-centric spirit we need to recognise something outside of and larger than ourselves - the God who cares for us and for the whole human community. Can we listen to John's call to restore what is broken, and Jesus' call, to bring light to the world? Do we see that it is with our cooperation that the Lamb can remove the "sin of the world?"



These are important questions to ask ourselves on this Sunday during the week of prayer for Christian unity. Christian discipleship calls us to not just drift along with this world's evil, always taking the line of least resistance. It is urgent and costly, but it is also possible and is the way towards the deeper joy and fulfilment that our soul is longing for. If we properly hear the Baptist as he witnesses to Christ, our response will be a stock-taking that goes to the root of our being. It should draw us closer to our brothers and sisters in Christ, that together we can witness more effectively to the truth that sets us free.

Holy Trinity PCC

The PCC will meet this Monday at 8.00 pm, preceded by Evening Prayer at 7.45. Papers are available today.

Confirmation

Next Sunday 26th January Bishop Jonathan will be here at Holy Trinity for the 11.30 Mass, during which he will baptise and confirm three adult members of the congregation. Please pray for and come along and support our candidates next Sunday if you can offer any food for the refreshments afterwards that would be very welcome.

Ben Okafor RIP

Ben's funeral will be this Tuesday 21st January at 2.00 pm at the Islington Cemetery Burial Chapel followed by a reception at St. Michaels Hall, 37 Bounds Green Road. The family would warmly welcome any members of Holy Trinity to attend Ben's service and reception. Please keep his family in your prayers at this time.

Contemporary Worship Evening at Holy Innocents

There will be a contemporary worship evening at Holy Innocents at 7.30pm this evening 19th January. The theme is Christian Unity and the evening will be run with St Mary's Hornsey Rise and Hornsey Parish Church. Do come along for something a bit different, and to get to know some more of our Christian brothers and sisters.

Quiz Evening

Our next Quiz Supper will be held in aid of My AFK (Action for Kids) in the Groves Room on Friday 14th February at 7.30 pm. Admission £10 - food provided - please bring your own drinks.

Christian Unity Lunch at Holy Innocents

On Sunday 9th February at 1:30pm we will be hosting a Christian Unity lunch at Holy Innocents. Our friends at the Middle Lane Methodist Church and Union Church will be coming along to the lunch. This should be a fun and open event and a time to reflect on the commonalities we share with our Christian family. Please let Fr. Patrick know if you can come and contribute to the food or drink.