

# Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 2nd February 2020

Presentation of the Lord (A) Psalter Week 4

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 131, Supplement 10, 703 and 111. Please stay for refreshments after Mass.

## Welcoming Christ

Today we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. St. Luke tells us that when Jesus was forty days old Mary and Joseph took him to the Temple to present him to God. Today, forty days after Christmas, we celebrate this feast. Mary and Joseph must have often pondered what destiny lay ahead for their child. Like most parents, they probably had high hopes for him, which are echoed in the words of Anna, while the prophecy of Simeon contains a somewhat more ominous tone.



Both Simeon and Anna have something to show us about how to receive the Lord. Simeon's response on meeting the infant Jesus was a hymn of praise to God. Anna's response was to speak about Jesus to others, especially to those who were waiting for God's help in time of need. While Simeon worshipped, Anna bore witness, calling others to Jesus. Today's feast invites us to welcome the Lord in prayer and in witness. We thank our loving God for the gift of his Son, the light of the world. We share our joy with others because the Lord who entered his temple has entered our lives too. Today we learn from Simeon and Anna how to welcome, praise and proclaim his gracious coming.

### THIS WEEK

(Services are at Holy Trinity unless indicated otherwise)

<b>Monday 3rd</b>	<b>St. Blaise</b>
7.30 am	Morning Prayer
9.30 am	Mass at Holy Innocents
9.30 am	Trinity Toddlers Playgroup in hall
<b>Tuesday 4th</b>	<b>Feria</b>
8.00 am	Morning Prayer at Holy Innocents
6.30 pm	Holy Hour
7.10 pm	Evening Prayer
7.30 pm	Mass
<b>Wednesday 5th</b>	<b>St. Agatha</b>
7.30 am	Morning Prayer
9.30 am	Mass at Holy Innocents
<b>Thursday 6th</b>	<b>Feria</b>
11.00 to 1.00 pm	<i>Thursdays Together in church hall</i>
12 noon	Mass of Healing at Holy Trinity
7.00 pm	Mass at Holy Innocents
<b>Friday 7th</b>	<b>Feria</b>
9.10 am	Morning Prayer
9.30 am	Mass
<b>Saturday 8th</b>	<b>Feria</b>
12.00 noon	Mass at Holy Innocents
<b>SUNDAY 9th</b>	<b>5th Sunday of the Year</b>
11.30 am	<b>Sung Mass</b>

**Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the Confirmation last Sunday such a special occasion.**

#### This Evening at Holy Innocents

At 7.00 pm there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Sung Compline at 7.30 pm.

#### Mass of Healing

There will be a special Mass with laying on of hands and anointing for healing this Thursday at Holy Trinity at 12 noon.

#### 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

Next Sunday 9th February at 1:30pm Holy Innocents will be hosting a Christian Unity lunch. Friends at the Middle Lane Methodist Church and Union Church will be coming along to the lunch. Please let Fr. Patrick know if you can come and contribute to the food or drink.

**Congratulations, prayers and best wishes to Fr. Toby Boutle** (former Churchwarden at Holy Trinity) who has just been appointed Priest in Charge of the parish of Swindon New Town in Wiltshire. Fr. Toby has been serving his curacy in Chichester, where he helped to set up a new charity to help the homeless, and was the Bishop of Chichester's political and parliamentary assistant.

### Growing in Faith

There are a number of groups meeting over the coming months aimed at helping people explore and grow in faith. The Ambassadors Group for people who want to grow in confidence in sharing the faith will meet again, this time at Holy Trinity Vicarage, for a light meal and discussion at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 12th February. Lent groups at 8.15 on Tuesday evenings starting on 3rd March will look at Christian belief about creation, redemption, and resurrection through works of art.