

# Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 23rd February 2020

7th Sunday of the Year (A) Psalter Week 3

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 602, 187, 347 and 813. Please stay for refreshments after Mass.

## Loving God and others

The Sermon on the Mount (from which our Sunday gospel readings have been taken over the last few weeks) is the daunting charter of Christian holiness - that 'holiness without which no one will see the Lord' (Hebrews 12:14). Just like Leviticus (our first reading today) the Sermon on the Mount links holiness intimately with respect for one's neighbour. To love one's enemies is to embrace divine holiness in all its vastness. Jesus said, "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Right relationships with our neighbour are linked to right relations with God. Faithfulness to God's call does not just involve the individual and the beauty of his or her soul; rather it is the beauty of the community united in praise. To be fully alive as the people of God is to create a beautiful liturgy together and to show forth divine holiness which attracts people to join us in praise.

### Lent starts this week

Anyone who would like is invited to the Vicarage for a pancake (or two!) immediately after the 7.30 Mass this Tuesday (Shrove Tuesday).

## THIS WEEK

(Services are at Holy Trinity unless indicated otherwise)

### Monday 24th

7.30 am  
9.30 am  
9.30 am

### Feria

Morning Prayer  
Mass at Holy Innocents  
Trinity Toddlers Playgroup in hall

### Tuesday 25th

8.00 am  
7.10 pm  
7.30 pm

### Feria

Morning Prayer at Holy Innocents  
Evening Prayer  
Mass

### Ash Wednesday

7.30 am  
9.30 am  
8.00 pm

### First Day of Lent

Morning Prayer  
Said Mass at Holy Innocents  
**Sung Mass with giving of ashes**

### Thursday 27th

11.00 to 1.00 pm  
7.00 pm

### Lent Feria

*Thursdays Together in church hall*  
Mass at Holy Innocents

### Friday 28th

9.10 am  
9.30 am

### Lent Feria

Morning Prayer  
Mass

### Saturday 29th

12.00 noon

### Lent Feria

Mass at Holy Innocents

### SUNDAY 1st

11.30 am  
6.00 pm  
7.00 pm

### 1st Sunday of Lent

**Sung Mass**  
**Taizé Service at Holy Trinity**  
Exposition and Compline (7.30 pm)  
at Holy Innocents (Eventide)



## Ash Wednesday Masses and Lent

Lent starts this Wednesday 26th February, and there will be **Masses with blessing and giving of ashes** at Holy Innocents at 6.00 am and 9.30 am and a sung Mass at Holy Trinity at 8.00 pm. Starting next week (3rd March) **Lent groups** at Holy Trinity at 8.15 on Tuesday evenings will look at core Christian beliefs through reflection on works of art. The Wednesday 9.30 am Mass at Holy Innocents will contain an extended address by different members of the ministry team on the theme 'into the desert'. **Ecumenical Stations of the Cross** will take place on Fridays at

7.30 pm - the first one being at St. Peter in Chains on 6th March - followed by a frugal Supper in aid of CAFOD. At Holy Trinity we shall support the **Diocese of London Lent appeal** which aims to raise money for partner churches in Angola and Mozambique to buy trucks to respond to emergencies occasioned by extreme climate events.

### PCC 2nd March

The PCC will meet next in church on Monday week following Evening Prayer at 7.45 pm.

### The Church Hall

Work to repair the entrance porch, main window and ceiling of the main hall will start on Monday 2nd March and last for three weeks. During this time the hall will be out of use for the regular activities there. The Thursday morning and lunchtime drop-in will take place at the back of church instead during the building works.

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