

# Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 15th March 2020

3rd Sunday of Lent (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 301, 398, 624 and 147 .

## Our Deepest Need

Without a constant water-supply our life would be impossible. Not so obvious is the soul's thirst for meaning, for vision and purpose in life. We can be so taken up with surface concerns as to neglect our spirit's longing for God. Like the Israelites, we often focus upon our physical needs, but are unmindful of our Creator who supplies them. We hear in today's beautiful gospel reading that It is Jesus who offers us the reviving water of eternal life, an ability for union with God, which is our deepest need. The miracle of growth can take place in the parched soul, if God lets his Spirit flow over us. All doubt, fear and sin will yield to the new life of grace.



Our baptism, the sacrament of our washing with the water of Christian faith was a privileged contact with the grace of Christ. By it we were planted in the garden of God, with room to put down roots, and draw vital nourishment from the living spring of the Saviour. Yet we need continuing help, to keep spiritually alive and pleasing to God as life goes on. Like the desert-wandering Jews, we suffer from thirst; we grow weary in confronting problems and temptations. However, Jesus guarantees the "living water" we need. His own Spirit is always at hand to give courage and fidelity.

## Important Notices about the Coronavirus situation

### TODAY'S MASS

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have advised all parishes to offer communion in one kind (the consecrated bread only) and all parishioners to refrain from physical contact (e.g. hand shaking) during the Peace. Please just exchange the Peace verbally with those immediately around you during Mass. The holy water stoups have also been emptied, and refreshments will not be served after Mass.

### LOOKING AHEAD

There will be no public **weekday** services or events (e.g. Masses, *Thursdays Together* or Lent Groups) here or at Holy Innocents now until further notice. At present the **Sunday Mass** is unaffected.

A number of kind people have already offered (providing they are well) to do shopping for anyone in the parish who cannot go out. If you would like to add your name to that list, or need help yourself, or are aware of anyone who needs help. please contact Fr. Patrick.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CHURCH TODAY WITHOUT ENSURING WE HAVE UP TO DATE CONTACT DETAILS FOR YOU.**

The best way to do this is to complete and Electoral Roll Form (even if you are already on it.) As you know the situation is constantly changing, and it is important to be able to stay in contact.

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