

# Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 14th June 2020

Corpus Christi (A) Psalter Week 3

The Parish of the Holy Trinity,  
Stroud Green



with  
Holy Innocents, Hornsey



*Seeking to know and serve God and our local community*



## The One who Gives....

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) - the gift of the Eucharist. Sitting together with friends for a meal may be a bit of a forlorn memory at the moment. Eating with others can generate a special feeling of togetherness. Each of us will have our own memories of table companionship or fellowship. Many of these will be happy experiences of celebration and laughter, of love received and shared. Some memories of table fellowship may be sad, times when we were more aware of one who was absent than of those who were present. Jesus shared table many times with his disciples. It is likely that, when sharing food with his disciples, he also shared with them his vision of God's kingdom. At table, the disciples imbibed something of Jesus' mind and heart and spirit. Of all the meals he shared with them, the meal that stayed in their memory more than any other was their last meal together, what came to be known as the last supper.

This last meal Jesus shared with his disciples stood out in their memory, capturing the imagination of generations of disciples right up to ourselves. He did more than share his vision with the disciples; he gave them himself in a way he had never done before, and in a way that anticipated the death he would die for them and for all, on the following day. In giving himself in the form of the bread and wine of the meal, he was declaring himself to be their food and drink. In calling on them to take and eat, to take and drink, he was asking them to take their stand with him, to give themselves to him as he was giving himself to them.

Jesus continues to give himself to his followers. We may not be able to receive him sacramentally under the form of bread and wine at the moment, but he nevertheless continues to sustain us with his presence in his word and through his spirit. He also continues to ask us to take in all he stands for, living by his values, walking in his way, even if that means the cross. As Christians, we acknowledge Jesus as our bread of life, as the one who alone can satisfy our deepest needs and our deepest hunger.

### Weekday Mass and Talk - Change of day this week

This week on **Wednesday** we will 'Zoom' the weekday 7.30 pm Mass and follow it at 8.00 pm with a 'Life in Lockdown' talk from our Pastoral Assistant David Badshah. There will be no 7.30 Mass on Tuesday evening this week.

### Towards re-opening the church for private prayer

We hope to be shortly taking the first steps towards opening the church for private prayer. As you can imagine there is a lot to think about before we can do this: risk assessments, a deep clean, buying the necessary equipment for hand sanitising, arranging social distancing etc. Be assured that we want to open and will do so as soon as we can do so safely.

In order to open for short periods of about an hour, we need volunteers to manage the flow of entry into the church, and to clean afterwards. These volunteers must be under 70 and must **not** be people who need to shield. If you are under 70, not shielding and feel you might be able to give an hour or two a week to facilitate opening the church please contact Fr. Patrick.

It would also be really useful to know what times would be useful for the church to be open. To do this we need to have some idea of the likely demand and take up. If you would value the church being open for private prayer, please let Fr. Patrick have an idea of the time of day and day(s) of the week that you would be likely to use it.

### Sunday and weekday Masses

Technology permitting, our regular Sunday 11.30 am and weekday 7.30 pm Masses are now streamed from the church itself via Zoom. You will need to email Fr. Patrick for a Zoom meeting ID and password if you do not already have it.