

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 7th June 2020

Trinity Sunday (A) Psalter Week 2

The Parish of the Holy Trinity,
Stroud Green



with
Holy Innocents, Hornsey



Seeking to know and serve God and our local community



The fullness of Love

The Holy Trinity, whose feast we celebrate today, is beyond the reach of time and the grasp of human reasoning. It is a mystery of our faith. We can only fumble in the dark in search of glimmers of light. "Two is company, three is a crowd" is a popular expression. The gospel would have it otherwise. There, the figure three symbolises completeness and perfect symmetry, and re-appears at all the key moments of the Christ story. His life itself constantly reflected the Trinity. Three figures make up the nativity scene in Bethlehem — the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Their first visitors were the three wise men. As a young teenager Jesus spent three days among the doctors of the Law in Jerusalem. Later, in the desert preparing to begin his public life, Jesus was tempted three times by the devil.

A good story should have a beginning, a middle and an end. Jesus was a storyteller par excellence, and three figures prominently in his parables. The Prodigal Son is about a father and his two sons; the Good Samaritan tells of the behaviour of three passers-by, the priest, the Levite and the Samaritan; the sower sowed his seed in three different types of terrain, yielding three different levels of harvest. The end of his life, as the beginning, has again the three motif. During his Passion, Peter denied him thrice. On the road to Calvary, he fell three times. The crucifixion scene has three figures, Christ between two thieves. Before his resurrection, he spent three days in the tomb.

God is love. There are Three Persons in the Trinity, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. Together they represent the fullness of love. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father. The Holy Spirit is their love for each other. And that self-giving and sacrificial love is what Jesus refers to in today's gospel. We are made in the image of a triune God. God the Father, who created us, his Son who saved us, and the Holy Spirit who continues to guide us. Our lives should reflect the Trinity. How? We can be creative like the Father, we should be compassionate like his Son, and we are called to dispose our talents in the service of others like the Holy Spirit.

Life in lockdown

This week on Tuesday at 8.00 pm we start a short series using Zoom in which people will talk informally about what they have been doing since the lockdown. If you have taken up or restarted a hobby, read some interesting books, watched some good films or done anything new or different, and would be prepared to talk about what you have been doing, please let Fr. Patrick know. This week Irena will show some of the photographs she has taken of natural history locally.

PCC Meeting

The Parochial Church Council will meet over the internet on Wednesday, and among the things they will be discussing will be the state of the church finances, the arrangements for streaming the services online and the preparations we need to make to be able to reopen the church for worship.

Sunday and weekday Masses

Technology permitting, our regular Sunday 11.30 am and Tuesday 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.

No internet? - Daily Hope Telephone Service

Music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services are offered at the end of a telephone line. The line is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044.