

# Monthly Newsletter

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The Parish of the Holy Trinity,  
Stroud Green



with  
Holy Innocents, Hornsey



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



**Fr. Patrick writes....**

The summer months are traditionally a quieter time in parish life, and this year much more so due to the enforced cessation of so many of our regular activities. Consequently there will just be one newsletter for the month of July, and another one for August.

## **Sunday Services**

It was wonderful to see a good number of people (in person rather than on a screen) in church last Sunday, and very good that more joined using Zoom. We will continue to 'Zoom' the Sunday Mass from church for those who cannot be present (with the exception of Sunday 26th July). People who were in church will have noticed some things being done differently at the moment. This is of course necessary for us to be able hold acts of public worship again, whilst complying with the government and church directives about prevention of the spread of infection. It seems that the building can accommodate the number of people wanting to attend in person, so there is no need at the moment to let me know in advance if you are intending to be present. Thank you to everyone who has helped get us to where are now, and for your continued support and prayers.

## **Farewell and Thanks to David**

On Sunday 19th July we will say a formal farewell to our pastoral assistant David Badshah after Mass. Sadly we cannot have a 'bring and share' lunch for the occasion, but there will be a socially distanced glass of wine (or soft drink) available. David has been with us for two years during which he has worked hard, and willingly and cheerfully got involved with a good cross section of parish life. Apart from his duties in church on Sundays he has visited parishioners, helped with the Night Shelter at Holy Innocents, and the Food Bank and with Thursdays together at Holy Trinity. He has also been studying a beginning theology course at St. Mellitus College (the diocesan non-residential theological college) as part of his discerning his vocation. David leaves us to go to work for the Frances Taylor Foundation in west London - an organisation which provides care and support for older people and people with learning disabilities. We wish him well and look forward to seeing him from time to time and hearing how he gets on.

## **Tuesday Mass and Talk**

The Tuesday 7.30 pm Mass and final discussion in our current evening series looking at works of art will take place on Zoom on 14th July. There will not be Tuesday evening Masses on 21st or 28th July.

## **The Living Word (Sunday Gospel Readings)**

The gospel readings for the three remaining Sundays in July contain three of Jesus' parables he told when he was preaching about the kingdom of heaven. We hear the parable of the sower (Matthew 13:1-23) the parable of the wheat and tares (Matthew 13:24-43) and the parable of the pearl of great price (Matthew 13:44-52).

Between them they tell us three major things: the kingdom is growing; it involves a mixture of good and bad, and it is worth any cost. Reflecting on them should give us a great deal of food for thought about our faith and the church.

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