

Fr Simon Writes:

I am now a month in and it feels like much longer in so many ways, and not more than the blinking of an eye in others. Continued thanks to you all for your kindness and patience. A few things are taking longer than planned – particularly getting BT to restore the telephone connection to the vicarage, along with a broadband internet service. It seems that 'full fibre' is coming to the parish, but not for some months, and they are no longer reconnecting via the old copper infrastructure. I seem to have weekly calls with them at the moment about what is and isn't possible. At the same time, once I can disentangle a couple of things with the website, it should be possible to have a proper email for parish communications.

This week I attended my first governing body meeting at St Aidan's – a happy school doing brilliant work. Please pray for them all as the end of term approaches. The leavers' service will take place in church next week, on 13 July.

We shall soon get some parish fixtures together for the rest of the summer and going into the autumn. If there is anything you would like to see then please let me know. Certainly December is already starting to look like a full month!

The Holy Spirit is at work here, and as the Lord reminds us in our Gospel passage today: the yoke is easy and the burden is light.

DIARY DATES

The PCC meets tomorrow (**Monday 6 July**): mass at 6pm and then a visit to inspect the church hall.

*Fr Simon proposes **Friday 17 July** as our parish outing to the **National Gallery** for its **Francisco de Zurbarán** exhibition, 'the Spanish Caravaggio' who often took religious themes for his subjects.*

Fri 17 July, 7pm: Holy Redeemer Day, the patronal festival of Holy Redeemer, Exmouth Market, EC1.
Preacher: Fr Damien Mason, Vicar of St Mary Brookfield and former pastoral assistant at HTSG.
Mass with Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, and a parish party. All welcome.

Fri 24 July, 6.30pm: Our Lady of Pew
Summer Festival Mass at the High Altar of Westminster Abbey, with the Lacock Scholars, and followed by a reception.

Fr Simon is very happy to make home visits. If anyone would like this, please just let him know.

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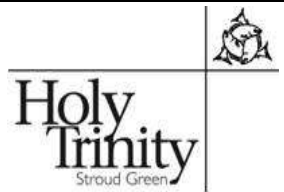
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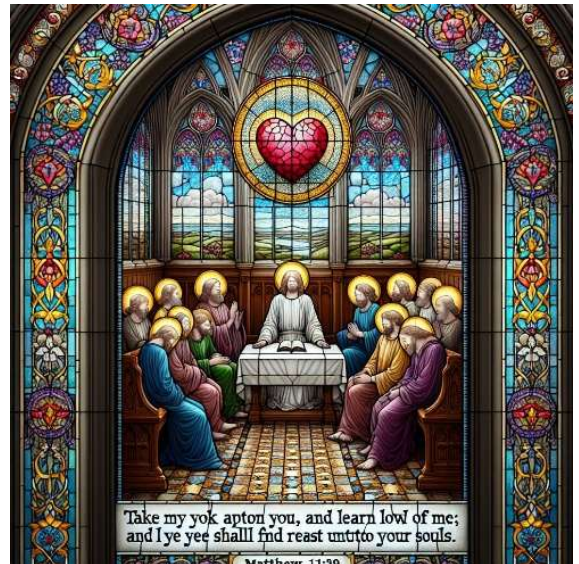
*For the time being, **Fr Simon** can be contacted via Kay or either of the wardens.*

The Sunday Mass

5 July 2026



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Celebrant: the Vicar

Organist: Steven Edis

Entrance Hymn: 21 All my hope on God is founded

Opening Prayer

O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

A reading from the Prophet Zechariah

Thus says the Lord:
Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:**Ps 145(144):1-2. 8-9. 10-11. 13c-14. R. cf. 1****R/. I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.**

I will extol you, my God and king,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever.

R/. I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

R/. I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

All your works shall thank you, O LORD,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your mighty deeds.

R/. I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD supports all who fall,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

R/. I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.**Second Reading****Romans 8:9, 11-13***A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans*

Brothers and Sisters: You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to
little children.
Alleluia!**

The Gospel**Matthew 11:25-30***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew*

At that time Jesus declared, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and

anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Offertory Hymn: 398 Love Divine all loves excelling**Prayer over the offerings**

May this oblation dedicated to your name
purify us, O Lord,
and day by day bring our conduct
closer to the life of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Communion Hymn: 88 Blest are the pure in heart**Prayer after Communion**

Grant, we pray O Lord,
that, having been replenished by such great gifts,
we may gain the prize of salvation
and never cease to praise you.
Through Christ our Lord.

Final Hymn: 74 Be Thou my vision**After the Mass**

Refreshments are available in the Groves Room after the service. Please stay if you can.

Contactless giving

There is a device by the door at the back of church for any contactless donations. Alternatively, please scan this QR code. Thank you.

**Thursdays Together**

Please join us for coffee and light lunch between
11.30am and 1.30pm in the Groves Room.

Masses this Week

**Monday 6 July at 6pm: Feria
Tuesday 7 July at 7.30pm: Feria
Friday 10 July at 10am: Feria**

Masses at Holy Innocents are:

Monday, Wednesday (10am), Thursday (7pm)

Key Amnesty

There are a number of keys to Holy Trinity in circulation. Thank you to those who have informed Kay they are a keyholder. **Please will everyone who holds keys let her know what keys you have as soon as possible.**
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