

23 JULY 2023

Dear Friends

We have two saint's days either side of Sunday. On Saturday, we have the Festival of Saint Mary Magdalene, and on Tuesday the feast of Saint James the Apostle.

Mary is colloquially known as "the Apostle of the Apostles", being present at the crucifixion, the burial of Jesus, and the resurrection.

St James the Apostle, one of the sons of Zebedee and Salome, was the first Apostle to be martyred, executed under the orders of Herod at the site of what is now the Armenian Apostolic Cathedral of St James in Jerusalem. James, along with his brother John and Peter, were the only Apostles present at the Transfiguration, and in the Garden of Gethsemane, immediately before Jesus' betrayal. St James is supposedly buried in Santiago de Compostela in north west Spain, renowned for the various pilgrim "Ways of St James", or Camino.



Donatello's striking sculpture of a Penitent Mary Magdalene, in the Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, Firenze.

We will hold our usual Eucharist service on Sunday, the seventh after Trinity, at 10.30.

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Raffle organiser

We need a volunteer to organise this year's Christmas raffle. The raffle is important to Church funding, usually being our second biggest fundraiser after the Church Fair. The organiser does not have to do all the work, and will benefit from well-established processes. But these processes will need to start after the summer break, so we do need a parishioner to hold their hand up now. You can respond to this newsletter, or discuss with the churchwardens or Council members without commitment.

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Worship during August



A window within the Church of St Edward the Confessor, Lugano.

All Saints' will be holding a Eucharist on Sunday, 6 August. After that, All Saints' will close until Sunday, 3 September.

During August, Eucharist services will continue to be provided by our sister church, the [Church of the Ascension](#), Cadenabbia on Lake Como, and by [St Edward's Church](#), Lugano.

From Milano Centrale on Sundays, a Swiss Railways train leaves at 8.43 and arrives in Lugano 9.58, giving plenty of time for the short walk down the hill to the church. There are return trains at 12.02 and 13.02.

Travel to Cadenabbia can be by train and bus, leaving Milano Centrale at 8.02 for Como, then a bus to Cadenabbia. Alternatively, the ferry from Bellagio leaves at 9.50 and takes 10 minutes to Cadenabbia.

Contact details for the Rev'd Chris Welsh

For pastoral care, Chris can be contacted by telephone on (0039) 026552258 (Church apartment) or by email at allsaintsmilanpriest@gmail.com

Links to our regular activities:

Sunday evening prayer on Zoom is [here](#).

Morning prayer – all are welcome Monday to Saturday 9 am and the link is [here](#).

There will be no online or in-house **Bible Study** next week. Zoom Bible study will resume the following week and continue throughout August. In person Bible Study will resume in September.

The **Jolly Club** meets on Tuesdays in the parish room from 12.30 pm. Bring a packed lunch, and whatever you would like to do whilst enjoying a happy chat with others, so long as the chat is not about others.