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Dear Friends

This week we hope to be joined by our new locum, Rev Castro Adieabah, who will be with us until the end of October. This newsletter describes his background. Fr Castro is still awaiting his visa. If this comes through, please give Fr Castro a warm welcome this Sunday.

14 September is the Feast of the Holy Cross, or Holy Cross Day, which celebrates the Cross as a pathway to salvation. The date marks the consecration of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, built on the site where St Helena found the True Cross in 326 AD.

Our Sunday service will be at 10.30, as normal.



Christ of Saint John of the Cross by Salvador Dalí

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Pastoral care

For pastoral care during the coming week, please telephone on (0039) 026552258 (Church apartment) or by email at allsaintsmilanpriest@gmail.com

Parish Council meeting

Our next Council meeting is on 1 October, after Church. The draft agenda will be published next week. Please talk to any Council member if you have any matter to raise. Council members are Rupert Dodds (Lay Vice-Chair), Florine Postell (Secretary), Lee Kirkpatrick-Smith and Daniella Engel (our churchwardens), Council members Alfred Albajeng, Rosemary Albero, Carol Carmody, Julia Holden, Ester Luconi and Massimo Radice, Robert Morley (Clergy ex-officio), Ozioma Idoni and Orla Ralph (both ex-officio Synod representatives).

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Introducing Revd Father Castro Adieabah

Ordained in 2010, Father Castro was the youngest Anglican priest ever to be ordained in Ghana. He has served as parish priest in the Diocese of Sekondi, where he led the establishment of a foodbank in Ellembelle during the pandemic, photographed below.



He has been a teacher for the Ghana Education Service and is a specialist in New Testament Greek. He has spent the last three years at the Franciscan Ecumenical Institute in Venice where he was attached to St George's Anglican Church, Venice. His specialist research is the subject of the Eucharist and Anglican/Roman Catholic relations.

Father Castro has four children aged between 12 and 3 with his wife, Sophia, though his family will remain in Ghana. He is delighted to be appointed as locum in Milan, and we are equally delighted to welcome him.

Book donation

Gillian Hope has kindly donated two copies of the book "The Sanquhar Boys and the Seaforths" she has co-authored, describing her grandfather Private John Hope's diaries from the Great War. He joined the Seaforth Highlanders in 1915 with four friends, and was the only survivor amongst them from that dreadful conflict. These books are available for any parishioner to borrow, and will be in the parish room this Sunday.

Links to our regular activities:

Sunday evening prayer on Zoom is [here](#). **Morning prayer** is from Monday to Saturday 9 am and the link is [here](#).

Bible study in person takes place on Thursdays at 13.00 in the Church rooms. Bible study by Zoom will not be held on Tuesday September 19 or 26, but will resume October 3rd.

The **Jolly Club** is held on Tuesday beginning at 12.30 in the church's upstairs parish room.