

Dear Friends

Candlemas is on 2 February, celebrating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple, and is 40 days after Christmas, 33 days after Jesus' circumcision, the time when, according to Jewish law, Mary was pure again.

Candlemas is so called, as on that day candles are taken to church to be blessed for the year. Candles symbolise Christ, the Light of the World.

Candlemas marks the end of Epiphany, and for a short while we enter "ordinary time".

Traditionally, if you did not take down your Christmas decorations on Twelfth Night, you take them down on Candlemas.

If Candlemas is a sunny day, beekeepers expect to have a good season.

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Simeon and Anna at the presentation of Jesus at the Temple - Rembrandt

Establishing the Sirius group for those aged 18 to 35

Ester Luconi is establishing the Sirius group for people aged 18-35 who are already in our Parish, or for people interested in our activities. The Sirius group will explore our faith and create a connection of friendship among young people in our Parish. The group takes its name from the brightest star in the sky, a star that illuminates our lives, reminiscent of Jesus, the Light of the World.

This group will meet monthly after Mass to discuss the Bible reading or other themes such as the Sacraments, Anglicanism, or difficult moments in our faith. Once every two months, we will have a social event such as cinema, ice skating, visiting exhibitions, board games, visits to cities outside Milan...ideas will be welcome. We will also work on some proposals to help our Parish (such as fundraising events) and actively participate in already established events.



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Our first meeting will be after the service on 11 February to have pizza together. If you are interested, send a WhatsApp to Ester on 3386574494, who will create a WA group or send an email to ester.luconi91@gmail.com. For the pizza on 11 February, please contact Ester by 8 February.

Electoral roll revision

The annual revision of the electoral roll commences on 4 February and closes on 18 February. You need to be on the roll if you consider yourself a member of All Saints', would like to attend and vote at the AGM, be a proxy at the AGM, or stand for election to any church office. If you are not on our Electoral Roll and wish to be, or if you have moved away from Milan and wish to be removed, please contact [Laura Pakes](#), our Electoral Roll Officer.

Sunday School – correction

Sunday School starts on 10 March (not 1 March, as stated in our 14 January newsletter) and is open to children between 4 and 14 years of age.

Pastoral care

For pastoral care during the coming week, please telephone (0039) 345 5835978 (Church mobile), (0039) 026 552258 (Priest's apartment), or email allsaintsmilanpriest@gmail.com

Links to our regular activities

Join the first Sunday of the month **pizza lunch** after church on Sunday. Sign up at the back of the church. There are alternatives to pizza. Come and enjoy good food and companionship.

There will be **no Sunday evening prayer** on 4 or 11 February. **Morning prayer**, at 9.00 Monday to Friday, is [here](#).

Drop in to the Church rooms for Bible study in person on Thursdays led by Massimo. Bring a sandwich, arrive at 12:30 for a chat and start the study at 13.00. Or stay warm and cosy and join Bible study by Zoom on Tuesday at 6pm, hosted by Angela, and using a **new one-off set of two links** for 6 February – the first half hour is found [here](#) (which expires after 30 minutes) and the second is [here](#).

The **Jolly Club** is even more relaxed. Call in to the upstairs parish room on Tuesday from 12.30 onward for socialising. Bring your lunch along and any hobbies you may have.

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of anyone within the All Saints' community, then please contact Catherine Bell, our Safeguarding Officer, using our Safeguarding Policy found [here](#).