

# ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CHURCH MILAN

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#### **Dear Friends**

We welcome back the Revd Dr Nick Fisher this Sunday together with his wife, Pam. Fr Nick will be with us until the end of the Easter weekend. He will lead our usual Eucharist at 10:30.

Saturday is the feast day of St Kentigern (518-614 A.D.), founder of the city of Glasgow. Kentigern, also known as Mungo, was a missionary and preacher, who lived an austere life. He brought Christianity to the Picts of the Strathclyde region and built a church which founded the city of Glasgow. He is often depicted with a bird, as he reputedly brought a robin back to life. He is buried in Glasgow Cathedral, and his tomb attracts pilgrims to this day.



Saint Kentigern "Mungo" of Glasgow

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#### Church donations

Our church is entirely self-funded, and it is thanks to the generosity of our parishioners that we can do what we do.

And what do we do? Our regular Sunday service is our most obvious activity, but in addition our Church carries out marriage blessings, baptisms, confirmations and funerals. We provide social activities to our parishioners and beyond, helping many find friendship who may otherwise be alone. We help those in distress – our own parishioners, and also the wider community of Milan - the homeless, friendless and refugees. In so doing, we try to show God's love for all, and we try to love our neighbour as ourselves.



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Thank you all for your support last year. 2023 has been a good financial year for the church we had no priest salary after April, and thankfully no major building work. We incurred unusual costs on our constitution, which is an investment for our future. Many of you gave freely of your time too, through fundraising, building maintenance and cleaning, our choir and by attending our services and supporting each other.

2024 will be more of a challenge, as we are looking to carry out around €14.000 quinquennial maintenance work, mainly on the wisteria wall and the church entrance. We will also incur recruitment costs in employing our new priest – over €1.000 for the advertisement, plus potential interview, travel and relocation and visa costs.

Please therefore consider your contribution to the church. One of the most effective ways to contribute is by regular giving, and this is very easy to set up using givealittle here (choose the monthly donation option). It is also very easy to cancel and modify. Give what you can. Every donation helps. Other ways to contribute are described here.

Thank you all again for supporting the church.

## 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

Sunday evening prayer on Zoom at 18.00 is here. Morning prayer, at 9.00 Monday to Friday, is **here**.

Bible study in person, led by Massimo is on Thursday at 12:30 for a chat and BYO sandwich, followed by the study at 13.00. Bible study by Zoom on Tuesday at 6pm, hosted by Robert, using the link found **here**.

The Jolly Club is held in 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**.