

11 FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Friends

Fr Nick Fisher will lead our usual Eucharist at 10.30 on Sunday.

The following week, Lent begins on Wednesday and an Ash Wednesday Imposition of the Ashes service will be held at 19.00. You are invited to bring your palm crosses from last year's Palm Sunday, if you have them. If not, spare crosses will be provided.



14 February

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Beginning of Lent

Shrove Tuesday is on 13 February followed by Ash Wednesday on 14 February, which is also St Valentine's Day.

Shrove Tuesday is a time from shriving, or obtaining absolution for ourselves by confessing our sins. It is a day for self-reflection, considering our sinful ways and how we may improve ourselves. We also consider the nature of our Lenten sacrifices.

The tradition of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday derives from the need to use up the rich food in the house before the austerity of Lenten fasting. The Shriving Bell is rung at churches on Tuesday (not at All Saints' – we have no bell) to call parishioners to absolution.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, a fasting day when the ash from the burning of palm crosses from the previous year's Holy Week is daubed on our foreheads, with the words "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

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



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Council meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held on 18 February. The main items on the agenda are:

1. Motion – to approve the transfer of €15.000 at the year end from general reserve to fabric fund
2. Motion – to approve the audited 2023 financial statements
3. Motion – to approve the 2024 budget and to set all fees for the year at zero
4. Motion – to approve the agenda* for the AGM and authorise the various church officers to take the necessary actions under the Constitution and Church Rules to hold the AGM with 1st call 16 March 2nd call 17 March 2024
5. Motion – to conclude the review of the Electoral Roll and approve additions and removals as necessary.

If you have any view you wish to express on these or any other matters, please speak to a Council member beforehand.

Robert's sponsored walk

Robert's sponsored walk has broken through the initial target of £1.100, and now aims to raise £2,200. All funds raised go to the disabled lavatory project. His funding page is [here](#).

Archdeacon's Open Forum

On Thursday 8 February, via Zoom [here](#).

Electoral roll revision

The electoral roll revision is underway and closes on 18 February. If you are not on our Electoral Roll and wish to be, or if you wish to be removed, please contact [Laura Pakes](#).

Links to our regular activities

Our first meeting of the Sirius Group (18 to 35 year olds) will involve having pizza together after the service on 11 February. If you are interested, send a WhatsApp on 3386574494 or an email to [Ester](#) preferably by 8 February.

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

Bible study in person on Thursdays is led by Massimo at 12:30 for a start at 13.00. Bible study by Zoom on Tuesday is 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 and could well feature the traditional art of pancake tossing.