

24 MARCH 2024

Dear Friends

Fr Nick Fisher will lead our usual Eucharist at 10.30 on Palm Sunday, with the blessing of the palms. Palm Sunday coincides with the Milan half-marathon, so roads may be closed.

During Holy Week the following events are planned:

Maundy Thursday, 28 March 19.00 – Eucharist with foot washing

Good Friday, 29 March 12.00 - penitential service

Easter Day, 31 March 10.30 - Eucharist



*Christ entering Jerusalem  
Pedro de Orrente*

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## Outcome of Annual General Meeting

Thank you to all who attended our AGM last week. The meeting passed all resolutions and thanked Roger King, our long-serving auditor, as he retires. Now we are an *associazione*, we do not require a professional audit. Instead, an Independent Reviewer will examine and report on our accounts, and Simon Grämer of Cadenabbia was elected to this role.

The meeting also thanked Daniella Engel for her diligent work as churchwarden. Daniella did not stand for re-election and therefore leaves both the churchwarden role and Council for a well-earned rest. The meeting thanked Massimo Radice, who stepped down from Council as he continues on his journey to ministry.

Congratulations to Florine, our newly elected churchwarden, and Lee, who was re-elected for another year. Carol was re-elected to Council, along with John Sanders and Pietro Vito Spina as new Council members. Laura was re-elected as Electoral Roll Officer. Our congratulations to them, and our thanks to all candidates who selflessly volunteered to help our church. We can all pray for God's guidance through our next year.

**24 MARCH 2024****St Matthew's Passion**

Our previous newsletter featured Pier Paolo Pasolini's excellent film of St Matthew's Gospel.

Equally appropriate for Holy Week is J. S. Bach's baroque masterpiece, Matthäus-Passion / St Matthew's Passion. He too uses a libretto drawn directly from the gospel, in this case Chapters 26 and 27 of the Luther Bible. Supposedly first performed on Good Friday 1727, you can enjoy a performance [via YouTube here](#).

*Ecce homo***The Bishop's Lent Appeal**

The 2024 appeal supports the Anglican Centre in Rome. The details of the appeal and a description of the important work of the Centre can be found [here](#).

If you would like to contribute, please send a bonifico to All Saints' with the causale "Bishop's Lent Appeal 2024" using the IBAN detailed [here](#), or use the givealittle specific donation page found [here](#).

**Outcome of the (short) Council meeting**

Rupert was re-appointed as Vice Chair and Treasurer and Florine was re-appointed as Secretary. Catherine was re-appointed as our Safeguarding Officer for the year. The Standing Committee will comprise our priest, when appointed, our two churchwardens, plus Rupert and Ester as lay members. Our first full Council meeting will be held on 14 April.

**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](mailto:allsaintsmilanpriest@gmail.com)

**Links to our regular activities**

The **Sirius Group** (18-35 year olds) will meet after church on 24 March to discuss the Christian concept of happiness.

**Sunday evening prayer** at 18.00 is [here](#). **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. Our Lenten course has now ended. Thanks to Fr Nick for running this interesting and well-attended event. On-line Bible study will restart after Easter on Tuesday 2 April.

The **Jolly Club** is held in the upstairs parish room on Tuesday from 12.30 onward for socialising.