

**31 MARCH 2024**

Dear Friends

Christ is risen! On Sunday we celebrate Easter and the risen Christ. We also bid farewell to Fr Nick Fisher. Fr Robert will lead our Eucharist at 10.30 on Sunday with Fr Nick preaching. After Easter Sunday Nick and Pam return home, at least briefly. He may well be back in May The Rev'd Katharine Rumens re-joins us for April.

We have two additional services this week. On Maundy Thursday, 28 March at 19.00 we will hold a Eucharist with foot washing, after which the altar will be stripped, and on Good Friday, 29 March at 12.00 we have a penitential service.

The Devil's Passion was a [great success](#). Congratulations to Julia, Justin and the team. And congratulations to our two wardens for the year, Lee and Florine, sworn in last Sunday.



Titian's 'Noli me Tangere' from the National Gallery, London

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## Holy Week and Easter



*Da Vinci's Last Supper is painted on the wall of the refectory of the Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie, in Milan*

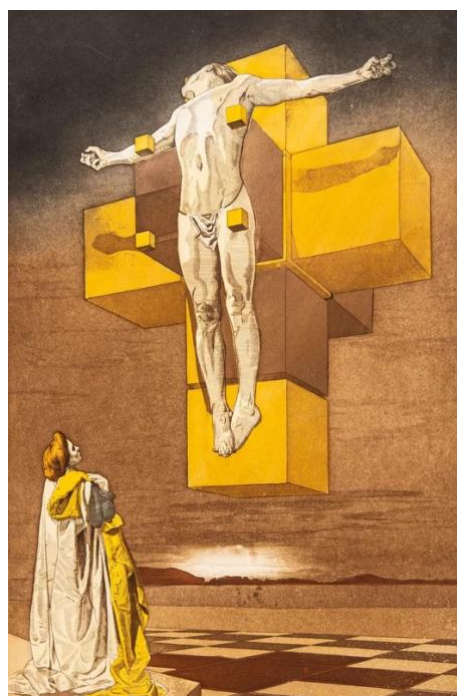
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Maundy Thursday celebrates the Last Supper. The word “Maundy” is derived from the Latin *mandatum*, or “commandment”, and the washing of the feet during the ceremony pays homage to Our Lord washing the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper. The stripping of the altar after the service recalls how Jesus was stripped of His garments after His arrest, and leaves a solemn and austere church for Good Friday.

At first glance, the inhumane treatment of Jesus, His rejection and isolation and His crucifixion on the Passover Friday would not seem to merit the adjective “Good”. Although these events are commemorated during our penitential service, the “good” comes from the triumph of the cross over death, through the resurrection and consequent salvation of mankind.

In the Anglican tradition, Lent ends at sundown on Easter Saturday, after which time our fast can be broken. This is different to the Roman Catholic tradition, where Lent ends at sundown on Maundy Thursday.

Note too that Good Friday is not a public holiday in Italy (though Easter Monday, which starts Our Risen Lord’s forty days on earth, is).



*Dali Crucifixion Corpus hypercubus*

## 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

**Sunday evening prayer** at 18.00 is [here](#). **Morning prayer**, at 9.00 Monday to Friday, is [here](#) but will not take place from 1 to 5 April inclusive.

Bible study in person on Thursdays is led by Massimo at 12:30 for a start at 13.00.

Bible study by Zoom resumes on Tuesday 2 April at 18.00, hosted by Fr Robert using the link found [here](#). All are welcome.

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

## Safeguarding

If you have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of anyone within the All Saints’ community, then please use our Safeguarding Policy found [here](#).