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Dear Friends

The Rev'd Castro Adieabah will lead our Eucharist on Sunday at 10.30, and the choir will be singing.

Our French parishioners will be celebrating le Fête de la Fédération first held on 14 juillet 1790, which was a year after the Bastille was stormed, eventually leading France from the "Ancien Régime" to today's Republic.

We are running a feature on how one becomes a Reader. Our chaplaincy would really benefit from having lay Readers among our community.



*Death of John the Baptist – Caravaggio –  
Valletta Malta  
Described in Mark 6 14-29*

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### **Have you considered becoming a Reader?**

We are grateful to Angela Mirani, a local Reader based in Varese, for this article. Angela writes: "The only lay ministry which has a license from the bishop is that of Reader. In our diocese there are currently over 80 Readers with another 20 or so in training. The role of Reader is liturgical and educational and sometimes pastoral. A Reader may lead any non-eucharistic service and may be called upon to organise a Service of the Word, Harvest or Carol Service. They may take funerals once they have completed the diocese's funeral workshop. They can also take a service of Communion by Extension.

Readers can preach in any service, administer the chalice and take Communion to the sick. They can prepare people for baptism and confirmation and lead study and discussion groups. They would normally be robed during the Eucharist and have some role in the service.

Being a Reader is a calling. The theological training is a two-year study course granting a Certificate in Higher Education validated by the University of Durham. The practical training is given by the chaplain and possibly workshops run by the diocese. The workshop on Anglicanism is obligatory.

If you are interested in becoming a Reader you should first read the [Readers' Handbook](#) on the Diocesan Website. You can also contact me [Angela Mirani –Diocesan Reader Selector](#).



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## **The disabled lavatory project is moving forward - slowly**

Bureaucratic delays are slowing down the DLP. The Comune archive searches have not produced the current layout documentation and closure certification for the last building project in 1995/1996, as we had hoped. As this documentation is not available, we now have to rectify the situation to allow us to proceed. Presentation of the DLP in the Comune requires us to refer to the last project and the current layout.

Our architect is now working on this correction procedure with the Curia Arcivescovile di Milano. The Curia was involved in managing the 1995/1996 project in close collaboration with the Church Council at that time. This correction, however, will take time as the Beni Culturali must also be consulted and approval sought.

So, this is the current situation and will incur extra costs. Our fundraising target, which includes an element of contingency for unexpected costs like this, therefore remains at €46k.

Please keep fundraising, keep the donations coming in and let Gillian Hope know of any fundraising initiatives you are working on. The project team is already working on some ideas for the autumn/winter period. Another choral workshop is now scheduled for 19th October. A day of Vivaldi! The Gloria and Credo! Onwards and upwards ...we will get there!

## **Chaplaincy news**

The collection for Ethiopia ceased on 30 June. A message from Ester, who organised the collection: "Thanks to all for contributing to the collection of the materials for Ethiopia. On Saturday 13th, and Sunday 14th, the bags will be prepared with the donated material to be sent to Ethiopia with the people who will stay there for a month. Everything that is left over (there is a weight limit available) will be donated to the associations present in the area. Thank you from Amici Del Sidamo"

Congratulations to the Rev'd Deacon Massimo Radice, whose ordination is on the Diocesan website [here](#).

## **Pastoral care**

For pastoral care during the coming week, please telephone (0039) 345 5835978 (Church mobile), (0039) 026 552258 (Priest's apartment), or [email](#).

## **Links to our regular activities**

**Sunday evening prayer** at 18.00 is [here](#). **Morning prayer**, at 9.00 Monday to Friday, is [here](#).

Bible study by Zoom is now suspended, in Robert's absence, until 6<sup>th</sup> August. In person Bible study and the Jolly Club are taking a break, restarting in September.