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**NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE PEWS**  
**Christmas and New Year** was celebrated at **All Saints** with joy, reverence and variety. It began with a lively **Kids Rock**'s performance with **Ladybirds** of Good King Wenceslas. The **church** was decorated beautifully as usual. Sam's hand made **crib** looked stunning, as did the delightful **tree** and tasteful **plant arrangements**. The highlight of the inspiring festival services was probably the uplifting **Nine Lessons and Carols** on the Sunday before Christmas, where we follow the story of the **Incarnation** from the beginning of time, **God with us**.



Now we enter the time of **Lent**, a chance to reflect on where we have fallen short of God's standards and seek forgiveness and a renewed relationship with Him, culminating in the glorious Cross and Resurrection message of **Easter**.

## **MEET THE SAINTS**

**Fr. David Greenwood**, LCdr and Military Chaplain of the Canadian Forces, and his wife, **Cynthia**, joined our congregation in September 2008. **Cynthia and David** tell us something about themselves:

**David:** **We moved to Rome after a lot of bureaucracy.** We'd been sent by the Canadian military so that David could do a Theology Masters in Inter-Religious Dialogue at a Pontifical University, the Angelicum, for two years. The Chaplain General of the Canadian Forces receives funding from time to time for the post-graduate training of chaplains. With new inter-religious skills I might take on the responsibility for recruiting chaplains for the Canadian Forces - priests, pastors, rabbis and imams. **There was confusion obtaining a visa** - was I here on a military or student visa? **Cynthia:** The end result was that I am here on a military spouse's visa and David on a student visa!

**David was posted to the Office of Command Chaplain of North American Aerospace Defence Command Headquarters in Colorado Springs, USA - Cheyenne Mountain.** He oversaw the training and development of fighter jet squadron chaplains assigned to NORAD response over all the North American continent, including Canada and Alaska and the development of religious support policy.

**David and Cynthia both say that the best thing about living in Italy is the wine!** Cynthia adds **travel** - they have taken advantage whilst here to see as much of

Italy and Europe as possible. They have been to England, France, Spain, Croatia, Turkey, Malta, Greece, and in April, Tunisia. **David** interrupts to say, of course the great people of **All Saints** but really it's the travel and the wine! **Italian bureaucracy is frustrating.** **David** described it, as Byzantine, though not to insult the good people of Byzantium!



**Cynthia attended Mount Saint Vincent University in Nova Scotia** studying Home Economics and Food Development then later became Finance and Administration Officer with the federal government. **David** studied Business Administration at the University of New Brunswick then a Masters at the Vancouver School of Theology.

**He felt called to the priesthood when he was a small boy.** He ran away to join the Navy to avoid the call, ignoring Jonah! After 14 years he applied to the newly formed Military Chaplaincy Training programme. In 1991 he left Logistics Branch to study for 4 years for military chaplaincy, plus a two year curacy with the Diocese of British Columbia. **Their family includes two daughters, Maya and Christa,** who live in British Columbia and a son in heaven. Maya, a Hydrological Engineer, lives on Vancouver Island. Christa works in health food wholesale, next to the Olympic Village in Vancouver.

**Music is very important - on a desert island David would like everything written by Handel** whilst **Cynthia** needs the **Phantom of the Opera** which energises her. They both like human interest films like **Hairspray** and **Brokeback Mountain** whilst food and drink brought us back to the wine! In an emergency **David** would grab the memory stick with his half finished thesis then agrees with **Cynthia** that they would, of course, grab each other!



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## **WITH THE SAINTS - PARISH LUNCHESES**

At **All Saints** we enjoy a monthly fellowship lunch after the 10.30 service. Visitors and members joined in an intimate and delightful time for the first of the new year over shared contributions, plus Elisabetta and Gemma's surprise hot chicken and potatoes served on a silver salver!

**There was an extra-special lunch before Christmas.**

**Vanessa Thubron** writes: **Valerie Spicer** organised a well attended shared lunch followed by a thought-provoking discussion on 'Ways of listening' led by Fr. Jonathan. Valerie organised everything on a red-coloured theme, to celebrate Fr. Jonathan's recent appointment as **Archdeacon of Italy and Malta**. All the tables were covered in red crepe and vases of red carnations. **As well as the shared delicious food Valerie had made a special huge, candle covered Ritz recipe chocolate cake to also celebrate his 10 years as Chaplain at All Saints.** It made an impressive sight as it was carried into the dark room. We ate it with relish - and chilled Prosecco! Fr. Jonathan was given luxury chocolates, personalised with his photograph, and, to accompany the new red buttons on his cassock, a pair of Cardinals' red socks from the Pope's outfitters!

**Everyone so appreciated Valerie's efforts but all too soon** it was time to leave, but with parish lunches every month - not too long to wait for the next one! (NB Parish lunches are usually held the **first Sunday in each month** - but also at other times so do check the notices!)

**Next lunches: Sunday 28th February** during the visit of **Bishop Geoffrey Rowell**, then **Sunday 7th March** and **Sunday 11th April. EVERYONE WELCOME** - please bring a food contribution to share.

**WHEN THE SAINTS .... for your diary**  
**RICE BOWL APPEAL LENT 2010**



**Churches Together in Rome (CtiR)** supports the **St. Joseph Orphanage for Girls** from 0 -18, run by the Rosarian Dominican Sisters in Roxas City in the **Philippines**. Funds raised in Lent will provide nursery and feeding programmes extended to nearby elementary schools. **TWO ACTIVITIES** in particular, both fun and for an excellent cause:

**FRIDAY 19th MARCH 2010** at 7.30 in St. Andrew's Church Hall - **QUIZ NIGHT**. 15 teams of 4, **30 euro** per team including food. **COME AND BE CHALLENGED AND HAVE FUN!**

**PALM SUNDAY 28th MARCH** at 2pm, CtiR **SPONSORED WALK**, starting at Villa Ada, Piazzale A. Spinelli near the entrance on Via Salaria (height Via Nero), a 3km round walk which can be walked as often as liked. Tables provided to leave picnic lunches. **For more information** on these events contact Rev. Willie McCulloch, **06 4827627**

## **ROCK@KIDS ROCK!**

*Calling all kids who love acting and singing but are also keen to help others and explore some challenging questions about faith and values in our busy lives....*

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There is a right way and a wrong way to bless an amplifier

**All Saints Church** launched a new youth programme last year, **Kids Rock** which is developing following its initial pre-Christmas run. For information drop in and see us at Via del Babuino, 153 or call 06-36001881/email [office@allsaintsrome.org](mailto:office@allsaintsrome.org)

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**TUESDAY 20th April 2010 4pm** at the John Paul II Centre for Inter-religious Dialogue at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum), a free public lecture on **THE MUSLIM VIEW OF JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY** by Dr. Mona Siddiqui, Professor of Islamic Studies, Glasgow.

**Meanwhile ALL SAINTS' CALENDAR OF EVENTS** includes the visit of the **Right Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Rowell** the weekend of **27th February**. **Holy Week** begins **Monday 29th March**. **CHECK THE WEEKLY SERVICE SHEET OR WEBSITE FOR DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT SERVICES AND EVENTS NEXT MONTH.**

**MALTA TEASES** Andrew Cochlin and Daphne visited **Malta** recently. Andrew writes: **We went to Communion at St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral, Valletta.**

The building it is more impressive for its size than its beauty, with its rather plain interior, but it was warm and welcoming. Despite the nave width it felt like a smaller parish church like St. Martin in the Fields. What it does have is position, standing 300 feet above sea level, and a spire rising a further 200 feet. **In 1839 Queen Adelaide laid the Cathedral foundation stone.** Like All Saints money was a constant problem as costs spiraled. She paid the expenses but was unable to provide for the future so funding has constantly concerned the congregation ever since. **The congregation and choir, led by the deputy organist, were not large.** Acoustically, little singing is heard beyond your neighbouring pew so the choir's efforts went largely unappreciated. Fr. Jeff and the parish made us feel welcome at refreshments in the undercroft - a splendid area, dedicated entirely to St. Paul's community activities. One room houses a paper-back shop. (To be continued.)