

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter

Most glorious Lord of Lyfe! that, on this day,
Didst make Thy triumph over death and sin;
And, having harrowd hell, didst bring away
Captivity thence captive, us to win:
This joyous day, deare Lord, with joy begin;
And grant that we, for whom thou diddest
dye,
Being with Thy deare blood clene washt from
sin,
May live for ever in felicity!

And that Thy love we weighing worthily,
May likewise love Thee for the same againe;
And for Thy sake, that all lyke deare didst
buy,
With love may one another entertayne!
So let us love, deare Love, lyke as we ought,
—Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Edmund Spenser (c1552-1599)

Apologies for a typing error in last week's newsletter. In the report on the consultation meeting for a new chaplain the final sentence should have read. "Many challenging issues were treated, including the question "Where do you see the church in 2024?"

Last Sunday we had fair weather for our Palm Sunday service and the **photo** shows the beginning of our celebrations in the garden, following the cantor's intonation of the "Hosanna to the Son of David". The sizeable congregation then processed down the Via Gesù e Maria and



the Via del Babuino, singing lustily to the fascination of the passing crowds, entering the church to the strains of "All glory laud and honour". During the service there was a dramatic reading of the Passion according to Mark, led by the Chaplain as Jesus and Hureem as the Evangelist.

Each year the English speaking Churches Together in Rome join together to raise money for a food-related outreach project. This year The Sri Lanka School Meal Programme run by the WFP provides meals in five districts where primary education has been affected by decades of conflict, tsunami and climate shocks. Envelopes are available in church for contributions: thank you!

- Many congratulations to the happy parents at today's baptism. Narindra and Richard not only present their baby Gioia but also show their musical talents during the communion!
- Please note in your diaries that May 20th has been set aside for Confirmation.
- Many All Saints' friends were in the audience for the performance of the St Matthew Passion at St Paul's last Sunday. There was a full house and a standing ovation at the end.
- One of the two choirs involved in this event was the New Chamber Singers, the concert choir based at our church. The choir celebrates its 25th anniversary in our church on April 29th at 19.00. More in a later newsletter, but meanwhile please put this date in your diaries!
- The DVD sales have produced so far 47 euros to donate to Rice Bowl. Today there will be a last opportunity to buy films and make a donation to our worthy cause: details of Rice Bowl will be found in church.
- **A reminder that the Annual General Meeting of the chaplaincy will be on Sunday April 22nd after the morning service and followed by the pot luck lunch. Nominations are invited for various posts, and a sign-up sheet is available on display in church.**
- Next Sunday, April 8th, the organ scholar at St Paul's Eric Foster, a regular organizer and contributor to our own special services, will be giving a recital on organ, harpsichord and piano at St Paul's Within the Walls at 20.30.
- Many of you will remember the Rev Alaric Lewis. He has recently been appointed Priest-in-charge of St George (Norwich) and Vocations Outreach Officer for the Diocese of Norwich.
- **Next Sunday is the Rome Marathon, that goes past our church: be aware that there will be disruption!!!**

The author of this year's Lenten book is Luigi Gioia, Over the past 20 years, Luigi has been actively involved in a variety of different contexts: academia (Oxford, the Pontifical University of S. Anselmo in Rome, and Cambridge), pastoral (as novice master in France and abbot in Italy),



administrative (as director of the library in S. Anselmo) and organizational (as creator and academic director of the course on Leadership and the Rule of St Benedict). This has acquainted him with the various Catholic contexts in many European countries: France, UK, USA, Italy, Germany and Switzerland. Moreover, especially since 2011, he has given many academic talks and preached retreats in Korea, China, Philippines, Ghana, Australia, Canada and USA. These experiences have considerably expanded his knowledge of the contemporary Catholic scenes all over the world. In several of these contexts he has actively worked to raise funds for the activities entrusted to him. The Lenten book is called "Say it to God", and it is published by Bloomsbury Press.

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