

Fisher House Newsletter

Sunday 6 May – Fifth Sunday of Eastertide



Day		Time		Other Information
Sunday	6 May	9:00am 11:00am	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Sung Latin Mass - Fr Kevin Sung English Mass – Fr Kevin
Monday	7 May	12:00 noon	FISHER MASS	The University Church, Great St Mary's
Tuesday	8 May	1:05pm 7:00pm	College Mass	Mass in Chapel – Fr Kevin Churchill College Chapel – Fr Alban
Wednesday	9 May	12:30pm 1:05pm		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass – Fr Alban
Thursday	10 May	1:05pm		Mass – Fr Fintan
Friday	11 May	1:05pm		Mass – Fr Alban
Saturday	12 May	1:05pm 4.30-5.30pm 6:00pm		Mass – Fr Kevin Confessions in the Chapel – Fr Kevin Said English Vigil Mass - Fr Alban
Sunday	13 May	9:00am 11:00am	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Sung Latin Mass - Fr Tony Currer Sung English Mass – Fr Tony Currer

TODAY

LUNCH IN THE FISHER ROOM
after the 11.00am Mass. Cost £2.00. All welcome, if you've signed up.

Monday 7 May

ANNUAL FISHER MASS

Great St Mary's, the University Church,
at 12.00 noon

Speaker: Dr Richard Rex
*Reader in Reformation History
& Fellow of Queens' College.*

Gowns are normally worn for this Mass.

Followed by lunch at Fisher House

Please sign notice if intending to stay for lunch

Tuesday 8 May

Mass: 1.05pm

1.30pm: lunch in the Fisher Room.

6.30pm: COLLEGE MASS in Churchill College Chapel, followed by dinner. £11, let Wojtek know by Monday evening at latest (wc555).

Wednesday 9 May

Mass: 1.05pm

1.30pm: lunch in the Fisher Room.

Von Hugel Institute Seminar

Catholic Social Teaching and the Politics of Civil Society

Dr Austen Ivereigh, at 5.30pm in the Garden Room of St Edmund's College. Further details on the narthex noticeboard.

Thursday 10 May

Mass: 1.05pm

1.30pm: lunch in the Fisher Room.

6.00pm: Theology for Non-Theologians meets in the library. Topic: *In the light of Easter: looking forward to Pentecost.*

Friday 11 May

Mass: 1.05pm

1.30 pm: lunch in the Fisher Room.

Saturday 12 May

Mass: 1.05pm

8.00pm: Film Study Group will be showing a Monty Python Film

For your diary

THE GRADUATE SOCIETY SPEAKER EVENING

in the Library on Monday 14 May at 6.00pm, followed by drinks. The speaker will be Monsignor Keith Newton, Ordinary of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. All welcome.

GRADUATE SOCIETY ANNUAL R H BENSON DINNER

Speaker: Dr John Casey, Caius

Friday 18 May at 7.20pm

The Wordsworth Room, St John's College. **Black Tie.**

Pre-dinner drinks in the Library at Fisher House at 6.30pm.

Cost £40 for four-course dinner, including wine.

Sign up outside the chapel. Send cheques to Jenny Wilson, Trinity Hall (jw550), payable to 'Fisher House'.

ANNUAL FISHER DINNER

Wednesday 13 June at Robinson College

Speaker: Abbot Christopher Jamison OSB

Cost: Dinner and Drinks Reception

Cost: £32.50 drinking, £27.50 non-drinking. Dress: Black Tie.

Tickets on sale after all Masses today

FORTHCOMING COLLEGE MASSES

Tuesday 15 May: Homerton College at 6.00pm. Dinner £15.08 (wine included). Deadline Thursday 10 May.

Wednesday 6 June: Caius Chapel: Missa Cantata in the Extraordinary Form in Commemoration of the Caiian Martyrs. Speaker: Professor Eamon Duffy. Time to be announced.

APPEAL FROM THE SVP FOR VOLUNTEERS

The SVP needs more volunteers in order to sustain its vital charitable work and, in particular, to respond to the multitude of requests from nursing home residents for visitors. At the moment, there is a huge mismatch between the number of SVP volunteers from Fisher House (5 on a very good day) and the number of people that would like a visit (circa 20-30). Ideally, 10 more volunteers are needed to satisfy the present 'spiritual' demand. If you would like to volunteer for this important and rewarding work, please contact Michal michal.kwasigroch@googlegmail.com

YOUCAT CATECHISMS FOR FREE

You'll find in the Narthex copies of the Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church, a catechism specifically for younger Catholics, cross-referenced to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. It has been translated in to many languages and has been endorsed by Pope Benedict. **THESE COPIES ARE FREE**, due to a generous donation to CTS. But remember there is a limited number and they are intended primarily for junior members of the University.

VACANCY AT THE MARGARET BEAUFORT INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY.

The Institute is seeking to appoint a Tutor in Theology and Director of Studies. This is a full time position subject to a 6 month probation period. For further information, go to <http://www.margaretbeaufort.cam.ac.uk/assets/documents/Tutor%20appointment%202012%20JD.pdf>

QUIDENHAM WEEKENDS FOR YOUNG WOMEN

If you would like to spend a weekend at the Carmelite Convent, Quidenham, in Norfolk, on the 18-20 May or 29 June – 1 July, please contact the Prioress, Sr Shelagh on prioress@quidenhamcarmel.org.uk

ST JOHN FISHER: CARDINAL, CHANCELLOR, MARTYR

Our patron, John Fisher, was born in 1469 in Beverley, a thriving cloth market town in Yorkshire. At about the age of 13 he left home for Cambridge, to become a member of Michaelhouse, later incorporated into Trinity College. By 1491, he was a fellow of the college, eventually becoming its Master. In that same year, a papal dispensation was granted for him to be ordained at the unusually early age of 22.

In 1494 he met the mother of Henry VII, Lady Margaret Beaufort, beginning an association which would determine the rest of his career. She would later choose him first as one of her chaplains and later as her confessor.

Having been appointed vice-chancellor of the University in 1503, Fisher obtained a papal privilege to establish the Lady Margaret Readerships in Divinity at both Oxford and Cambridge. He was the first Cambridge reader. In 1504 he was elected Chancellor of the University and re-elected every year until 1514. In the same year, he was appointed Bishop of Rochester by

the King and in 1505 elected president of Queens' College.

In 1508 Fisher he resigned his presidency of Queens' "to the right heaviness" of the Fellows but in 1514 was appointed Chancellor of the University for life and though mainly resident in his diocese, he made frequent visits to Cambridge in order to oversee the foundation of St John's College, which had been endowed by the Lady Margaret.

In 1527 Henry VIII began canvassing opinion about the status of his marriage to Katherine of Aragon, his brother's widow. Fisher vehemently defended the validity of the marriage and, as a result, the King's animosity towards him increased. When Fisher, along with Thomas More, refused to accept Henry's claim to be Protector and Supreme Head of the English Church and Clergy, his position became increasingly dangerous. In 1533 Henry married Anne Boleyn in secret and began the move towards divorcing the Queen. Fisher was the main opponent and on 6 April 1533 he was put under house arrest.

In 1534 the bishops were summoned to abjure the supremacy of the Pope and on 13 April Fisher was summoned to Lambeth to take the Oath of Succession. He declared he could not. Both Fisher and More were sent to the Tower, where they also both refused the Act of Supremacy. The Fellows of St John's sent a letter of loyalty to Fisher, who was now ill. "We acknowledge ourselves obliged to you for so many benefits that we cannot even count them or express them in words..." During his illness, Fisher petitioned Cromwell for the ministrations of a priest, but was refused.

On 2 January 1535 John Fisher was deprived of his See. By the end of that month news came that the Pope had made him a Cardinal, in an attempt to procure his release. The King was enraged. John Fisher was tried in Westminster Hall on 17 June, accused of denying the supremacy of the King, and condemned to be hanged, drawn, and quartered, later commuted to beheading. On 22 June 1535, Cardinal Fisher was executed on Tower Hill, the only Cardinal in the history of the Church to receive the martyr's crown.

After his death, Fisher's name was vilified on the orders of the King. The benefactions intended for St John's were misappropriated and his name and rebus obliterated from the college chapel. Although his own countrymen were encouraged to forget him, Fisher's reputation was revered on the Continent. The Council of Trent used his work on the Eucharist to formulate its own teaching. Fisher's earliest biographer described him thus: "a worthy prelate, neither dumb in preaching nor idle in writing, neither cold in devotion nor ambitious in aspiring." The deaths of both Fisher and More appalled the rest of Europe and Erasmus said of them: "They were the wisest and most saintly men that England had."