

Fisher House Newsletter



Sunday 20 May – The Ascension of the Lord

Day	Time	Other Information	
Sunday	20 May	9:00am 11:00am	The Ascension of the Lord Sung Latin Mass - Fr Kevin Sung English Mass – Fr Kevin
Monday	21 May	12:15pm	Mass in Chapel
Tuesday	22 May	1:05pm	Mass in Chapel
Wednesday	23 May	12:30pm 1:05pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Thursday	24 May	1:05pm	Mass
Friday	25 May	1:05pm	St Bede the Venerable Mass
Saturday	26 May	1:05pm 4.30-5.30pm 6:00pm	St Philip Neri Mass Confessions in the Chapel – Fr Alban Said English Vigil Mass - Fr Fintan Lyons OSB
Sunday	27 May	9:00am 11:00am	Pentecost Sunday Sung Latin Mass - Fr Fintan OSB Sung English Mass – Fr Fintan OSB

TODAY

FR ALBAN IS PREACHING AT THE OXFORD CHAPLAINCY TODAY

GRADUATE SOCIETY PUB LUNCH AT THE GREEN MAN IN GRANTCHESTER

Monday 21 May

LAUDS (MORNING PRAYER) FROM THE DIVINE OFFICE will be sung at 8.00am Mon-Fri for the next two weeks. Breakfast in the Fisher Room will follow Lauds each morning. Cost £1

12.15pm: Mass followed by lunch in the Fisher Room.

Tuesday 22 May

8.00am: Lauds

1.05pm: Mass

1.30pm: lunch in the Fisher Room.

Wednesday 23 May

8.00am: Lauds

1.05pm: 1.05pm

1.30pm: lunch in the Fisher Room.

Thursday 24 May

8.00am: Lauds

1.05pm: Mass

1.30pm: lunch in the Fisher Room.

Friday 25 May

8.00am: Lauds

1.05pm: Mass

1.30 pm: lunch in the Fisher Room.

Saturday 19 May

1.05pm: Mass

Next Sunday

The University Sermon in Great St Mary's at 11.00am will be given by Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald, Apostolic Nuncio to Egypt

For your diary

SATURDAY 26 MAY

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE

Talks, Rosary, Procession, & Mass, as well as a guided tour of the 19th century convent.

If interested, speak with Sr Ann.

MONDAY 28 MAY

Mass in the Extraordinary Form [Missa Cantata] in the Chapel at 6.00pm, followed by drinks in the Fisher Room

FORTHCOMING COLLEGE MASS

Wednesday 6 June at 5.30pm: Caius Chapel: Missa Cantata in the Extraordinary Form in Commemoration of the Caian Martyrs. Speaker: Professor Eamon Duffy.

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

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@googlemail.com

CONSIDER YOUR CALL

Would you like to attend a weekend festival of prayer and reflection for young people considering a vocation to the priesthood and/or the religious life at Oscott College, Birmingham, from 6th-8th July? If interested in forming a small group to attend this event, please see Sr Ann for further information.

QUIDENHAM WEEKENDS FOR YOUNG WOMEN

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

IT IS AS ONE OF US THAT HE SITS AT THE
RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER

Today, the Word, who had never been clothed in human nature before, has ascended as a human being, revealing himself in a new and unfamiliar way. And he has done this for us and in our name, so that being like us (though with the status of the Son) and hearing the command to 'Sit at my right hand', he might transmit to fellow members of the human race the glory of being children of God. For since he became man it is as one of us that he sits at the right hand of God the Father, though in truth he is above all creation and is one in being with his Father: God from God, Light from Light.

From the Commentary of St Cyril of Alexandria [d.444] 9; PG 74:182-3.

HE NEITHER LEFT HIS FATHER WHEN HE
CAME DOWN TO EARTH, NOR ABANDONED US
WHEN HE ASCENDED TO HIS FATHER.

With all due solemnity, we are celebrating the Ascension of the Lord, when our poor human nature was carried up in Christ, above all the hosts of heaven, above all the ranks of angel, beyond the highest heavenly powers, to the very throne of God the Father.

Faith does not fail, hope is not shaken, charity does not grow cold, because our Redeemer's visible presence has passed into the sacraments. Our faith is nobler and stronger because sight has been replaced by a doctrine whose authority is accepted by believing ears, enlightened from on high. This faith was increased by the Lord's ascension and strengthened by the gift of the Spirit; it would remain unshaken by fetters and imprisonment, exile and hunger, fire and ravening beasts, and the most refined tortures ever devised by brutal persecutors. Throughout the world women no less than men, girls as well as boys, have given their life's blood in the struggle for this faith. It is a faith that has driven out devils, healed the sick and raised the dead.

Even the blessed apostles, though they had been strengthened by so many miracles and instructed by so much teaching, took fright at the cruel suffering of the Lord's passion and could not accept his resurrection without hesitation. Yet they made such progress through his ascension that they now found joy in what had before terrified them. They were able to fix their minds on Christ's divinity as he sat at the right hand of the Father, since what was presented to their bodily eyes no longer hindered them from turning all their attention to the realisation that he had not left his Father when he came down to earth, nor had he abandoned his disciples when he ascended into heaven.

From a sermon of Pope St Leo the Great, [d.461] On the Ascension, 1-4; PL 54, cols 397-9.