

Fisher House Newsletter

Sunday 27 May 2012 – Whit Sunday



Day	Time	Other Information
Sunday 27 May	9:00am 11:00am	Pentecost Sunday Sung Latin Mass - Fr Fintan Lyons OSB Sung English Mass – Fr Fintan Lyons OSB
Monday 28 May	12:15pm 6:00pm	Mass in Chapel Low Mass Extraordinary Form in Chapel
Tuesday 29 May	1:05pm	Mass in Chapel
Wednesday 30 May	12:30pm 1:05pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Thursday 31 May	1:05pm	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass
Friday 1 June	1:05pm	St Justin Martyr Mass
Saturday 2 June	1:05pm 4.30-5.30pm 6:00pm	Mass Confessions in the Chapel – Fr Alban Said English Vigil Mass – Msgr Paul Grogan
Sunday 3 June	9:00am 11:00am	Trinity Sunday Sung Latin Mass - Msgr Paul Grogan Sung English Mass – Msgr Paul Grogan

TODAY

Our guest preacher today is Fr Fintan Lyons, a Benedictine monk from Glenstal, Co Tipperary, in Ireland, presently a visiting scholar at St Edmund's.

Monday 28 May

8.00am: LAUDS (MORNING PRAYER) FROM THE DIVINE OFFICE followed by breakfast. Cost £1

12.15pm: Mass PLEASE NOTE: NOW THAT EXAMS HAVE BEGUN, LUNCHES ARE SUSPENDED

MONDAY 28 MAY

Bequest Low Mass in the Extraordinary Form in the Chapel at 6.00pm.

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VISIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KENT AT CANTERBURY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY FOR LUNCH

Next Sunday 3 June

Our guest preacher will be Monsignor Paul Grogan, chaplain at Leeds Trinity University College. Paul was at Selwyn 1982-5

For your diary

COMMEMORATION OF CAIUS CATHOLIC MARTYRS

Missa Cantata (Extraordinary Form) in the Chapel of Gonville and Caius College

5.30pm on Wednesday 6th June.

In the late sixteenth century Caius College was regarded as a nest of 'popish recusants.' John Caius himself and his successor, Dr Legge, were suspected of protecting Catholic students. Many Caians left England to join the Jesuits or to become Seminary priests. Some returned on the English Mission. Four were martyred by being hanged, drawn and quartered: Blessed William Dean, Blessed John Hewitt, Blessed John Fingley and Francis Montfort.

After nearly four hundred years in which there was no official commemoration, the first was held five years ago. This is the second. Members of Fisher house are warmly invited to attend.

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

VON HUGEL INSTITUTE CONFERENCE

The Big Society and Catholic Social Thought

25-26th June at St Edmund's

Details on narthex noticeboard

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

INVOCATION 2012

3rd National Discernment Conference for Young People 18-35 Oscott College, 6-8 July

Info and booking online: www.invocation.org.uk
Cf noticeboard for details. If enough would like to go, Sr Ann will lead a group from Fisher House. 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 EXPERIENCE OF PENTECOST

What the disciples experienced was not just a change in themselves, a change in mood from fear and depression to happiness. It was not just a change in something about them, as though they had come to have or possess a new emotion or feeling or attitude or faith. The gift was not of something they came to possess, but something that came to possess *them*. It was not that they were given a new religious attitude, but that they were taken over, possessed by, the Holy Spirit. The joy of God became, indeed, *their* joy; but it was first the joy of God.

And the joy of God *is* God, as the Word of God *is* God. For with God it cannot be, as it is with us, that there are some things that we *are* and other things we simply *have* – so that our joy is not what we *are* but something we *have*, that comes and goes. There could be nothing in God that comes and goes. The Joy of the Father is eternally God. But the Father's Joy is distinct

from the Father, for the Word comes from the Father, as he understands his divinity, and the Joy is given forth from the Father through the Word, as he takes delight in what he understands.

The delight of God in being God is the Holy Spirit. So when the Spirit comes upon the man Jesus at his baptism, the voice of the Father says: "This is my beloved son in whom I have delight." This single sentence contains the whole doctrine of the Trinity. This delight is not some psychological feeling in God: it is his Spirit that the Father has in his Son, and in his Son incarnate, the man Jesus. And it is just this delight that the Father had (and has in just this way) in the disciples at Pentecost. It is just this delight that he has in us in our personal Pentecost at baptism and confirmation, by which we belong to the disciples. This delight that God has in us is his Spirit: it is our share in his enjoyment that he has just in being.

The New Testament has many names for the Spirit of God: Joy, Peace, Unity, *Koinonia*, the community of the disciples. But above all it is Love. When we receive the Spirit we are delighted that God is God, we share in his loving that is God, and we love and delight in all that comes from God. And above all we love each other for the Spirit of God that is in us or can be in us. This, St Luke is telling us in Acts, is what the Church is supposed be about: it is the proclamation in the world of the presence of the Spirit of delight and love, the Spirit of the joy of God, and the peace of God which will transform this world and take it beyond itself to the kingdom of the Risen Christ, our brother, in whom is the interplay in love between God the eternal Parent, God the eternal Child, and the God of eternal Joy and Delight, the interplay of Father, Son and Holy Spirit for all eternity.

Herbert McCabe, *God Still Matters*, Continuum 2202, p.232.