

# Fisher House Newsletter

Sunday 5 May 2013 – Sixth Sunday of Easter, Cycle C



| Day                  | Time   | Other Information  |
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| <b>SUNDAY 5 MAY</b>  | <b>8:00AM</b><br><b>9:00AM</b><br><b>11:00AM</b> | <b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br><b>LOW MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM – FR ALBAN</b><br><b>SUNG LATIN MASS – FR ALBAN</b><br><b>SUNG ENGLISH MASS – MGR PETER LEEMING</b> |
| Monday 6 May         | 12:00noon  | <b>FISHER MASS</b><br>Mass   |
| Tuesday 7 May        | 1:05pm   | Mass   |
| Wednesday 8 May      | 12:30pm<br>1:05pm                                | <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b><br>Mass   |
| Thursday 9 May       | 1:05pm   | <b>NO MASS</b><br>No Mass  |
| Friday 10 May        | 1:05pm   | Mass   |
| Saturday 11 May      | 1:05pm   | Mass<br><b>Said Vigil Mass for Sunday – Fr Alban</b>   |
| <b>SUNDAY 12 MAY</b> | <b>8:00AM</b><br><b>9:00AM</b><br><b>11:00AM</b> | <b>ASCENSION SUNDAY</b><br><b>LOW MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM – FR ALBAN</b><br><b>SUNG LATIN MASS – FR ALBAN</b><br><b>SUNG ENGLISH MASS – FR ALBAN</b>                |

## TODAY

A warm welcome to our guest preacher at the 11.00am Mass, Monsignor Peter Leeming, the Rector and Parish Priest of Our Lady & the English Martyrs church on Hills Road.

## Monday 6 May

### ANNUAL FISHER MASS AT 12 NOON

Our annual celebration of our patron, St John Fisher: Chancellor for Life of the University, Cardinal, Bishop and Martyr. The speaker after Mass is Dr Anne Dillon, (Lucy Cavendish), author of *The Construction of Martyrdom in the English Catholic Community 1535-1603*. Mass will be followed by a buffet lunch in the Fisher Room.

## Tuesday 7 May

**1.05pm: Mass** followed by lunch

## Wednesday 8 May

**1.05pm: Mass** followed by lunch in the Fisher Room.

**6.00pm: College Mass** at Selwyn

## Thursday 9 May

**1.05pm: Mass** followed by lunch in the Fisher Room.

**6.30pm: SVP meeting** in the Library

## Friday 10 May

**1.05pm: Mass** followed by lunch in the Fisher Room

## Saturday 11 May

1.05pm

6.00pm: Vigil Mass for Sunday

## For your diary

### SEMINAR AT ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE

**Garden Room on Friday, 10 May at 5.00pm.**

**His Eminence Cardinal Paul Poupard** will deliver the final lecture in the Von Hügel Seminar Series 'Defining the Human Person in the Modern World: Multi-disciplinary perspectives' on the topic of The New Evangelization, Contemporary Culture and the Human Person

### BENEFACTORS' MASS CELEBRATED BY CARDINAL POUPOARD

**St Edmund's College Chapel  
Thursday 9 May at 6.30pm**

### THE R.H.BENSON DINNER

For graduates and senior members  
Will take place on Wednesday 15 May in the Wordsworth Room in St John's College at 7.20pm. Drinks in the library at Fisher House from 6.30pm. The speaker is Melanie McDonagh, leader writer on the *Evening Standard*.

**Cost: £44. Tickets on sale after Masses**

### THE ANNUAL FISHER DINNER

will take place at Trinity Hall  
on Wednesday 12 June, preceded by drinks.  
Details and tickets to follow.

**In exam term many regular evening events in the chaplaincy are kept to a minimum.**

### FORTHCOMING COLLEGE MASSES

**Wednesday 8 May: Selwyn at 6.45pm**  
**Monday 13 May: Trinity at 6.45pm**  
**Tuesday 4 June: Clare at 7.15pm**  
**Elizabeth Kolb Memorial Trust**

Grants are available for Catholic Women Cambridge students born in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland. Eligible women may apply to the managers of the trust for grants towards the cost of books or equipment, travel or medical expenses. Applications must be received by 17 May 2013. For an application form, see the Fisher House website at <http://www.srcf.ucam.org/fisherhouse/kolb.php> or from Dr Anne Cobby at [aec25@cam.ac.uk](mailto:aec25@cam.ac.uk)

Applications are invited for the full-time post of  
**Parish Pastoral Assistant**  
at Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Cambridge,  
including Roman Catholic  
chaplaincy to staff and students of  
Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge

Closing date for applications 24 May 2013, Interviews 7 June 2013. Start date 1 September 2013, Job-share applicants will be considered. Further information and application form available from Monsignor Peter Leeming at [peter.leeming@olem.org.uk](mailto:peter.leeming@olem.org.uk) or The Rectory, Hills Road Cambridge CB2 1JR. Further information about the parish can be found at [www.olem.org.uk](http://www.olem.org.uk)

## PRAYER

The Mass is the supreme expression of prayer because it holds, for me, at this moment, the mystery of Jesus himself in his surrender to the Father in the Father's response to that surrender. Here we see that it is God who does everything. I can only be there, saying my *fiat* and surrendering with Jesus. This is the pattern of all true prayer. Once we have really grasped this, prayer is simple indeed – so simple that it can easily scandalise because it isn't sublime or exalted enough. It is simple but it isn't easy, just because it is sacrifice and surrender, and these are never easy. It is life lived out for God alone.

Once we have grasped the true nature of prayer we won't need a lot of instruction about how to comport ourselves. There are no techniques to learn. If we are wanting God and not ourselves, there will be no problem at all; I will always know what to do and never be upset or thrown by what I feel or don't feel. Asking nothing for myself – no feedback, no assurances, beyond what Jesus himself has promised – I will persevere through thick and thin. He has said that I ask I will receive; that if I seek I will find and that, when I knock, the door is opened. I believe him. I am sure that all is well, that God is doing everything for me, that Jesus is praying in me. I don't ask to see the gift in my hand, to feel that I have passed through the open door and received the bliss of his embrace. All my concern is that God should have what he wants: the chance to be

good to me to his heart's content. And this surpasses all my understanding. I have staked my all on the God who never disappoints.

From *The Essence of Prayer* by Ruth Burrows OCD, Continuum 2006, pp.40-41.

## ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ON PRAYER

There is nothing more worthwhile than to pray to God and to converse with him, for prayer unites us with God as his companions. As our bodily eyes are illuminated by seeing the light, so in contemplating God our soul is illuminated by him. Of course, the prayer I have in mind is no matter of routine: it is deliberate and earnest. It is not tied down to a fixed timetable; rather it is a state which endures by night and day.

Our soul should be directed to God, not merely when we suddenly think of prayer, but even when we are concerned with something else. If we are looking after the poor, if we are busy in some other way, or if we are doing any type of good work, we should season our actions with the desire and the remembrance of God. Through this salt of the love of God we can all become a sweet dish for the Lord. If we are generous in giving time to prayer, we will experience its benefits throughout our life.

Prayer is the light of the soul, giving us true knowledge of God. It is a link mediating between God and man. By prayer the soul is borne up to heaven and in a marvellous way embraces the Lord. This meeting is like that of an infant crying on its mother, and seeking the best of milk. The soul longs for its own needs and what it receives is better than anything to be seen in the world.

Prayer is a precious way of communicating with God, it gladdens the soul and gives repose to its affections. You should not think of prayer as being a matter of words. It is a desire for God, an indescribable devotion, not of human origin, but the gift of God's grace. As Saint Paul says: we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.

Anyone who receives from the Lord the gift of this type of prayer possesses a richness that is not to be taken from him, a heavenly food filling up the soul. Once he has tasted this food, he is set alight by an eternal desire for the Lord, the fiercest of fires lighting up the soul.