

Fisher House Newsletter

Sunday 12 May 2013 – The Ascension of the Lord, Cycle C



Day	Time	Other Information
SUNDAY 12 MAY	8:00AM 9:00AM 11:00AM	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD LOW MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM – FR ALBAN SUNG LATIN MASS – FR ALBAN SUNG ENGLISH MASS – FR ALBAN
Monday 13 May	12:15pm 6:45pm	Mass Mass College Mass at Trinity
Tuesday 14 May	1:05pm	Mass
Wednesday 15 May	12:30pm 1:05pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Thursday 16 May	1:05pm	Mass
Friday 17 May	1:05pm	Mass
Saturday 18 May	1:05pm	Mass
SUNDAY 19 MAY	8:00AM 9:00AM 11:00AM	PENTECOST Said Vigil Mass for Sunday – Fr Alban NO LOW MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM SUNG LATIN MASS – FR KEVIN SUNG ENGLISH MASS – FR KEVIN

TODAY

THE ANNUAL FISHER DINNER

Trinity Hall on Wednesday 12 June preceded by drinks.

This is the major social event of the academical year and a chance to give all who are leaving Fisher House our greetings. The after-party continues in the Chaplaincy. Please make an effort to attend.

Tickets: Drinking £45, non-drinking £41. On sale after all Masses this weekend.

Monday 13 May

12.15pm: Mass followed by lunch

6.45pm College Mass at Trinity

Tuesday 14 May

1.05pm: Mass followed by lunch

Wednesday 15 May

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

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*.

Thursday 16 May

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

6.30pm: SVP meeting in the Library

Friday 17 May

1.05pm: Mass followed by lunch in the Fisher Room

Saturday 18 May

1.05pm

3.00-5.00pm: Catholic Women's Discussion Group

6.00pm: Vigil Mass for Sunday

For your diary

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no Extraordinary Form Mass next Sunday as Fr Alban will be in Poland officiating at a wedding

SUNG LAUDS (MORNING PRAYER)

in the chapel, every morning, Monday to Saturday, from 20 – 31 May, followed by breakfast. The perfect accompaniment to revision.

FORTHCOMING COLLEGE MASSES

Tuesday 4 June: Clare at 7.15pm

Elizabeth Kolb Memorial Trust

DEADLINE FRIDAY 17 MAY

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. 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

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 or The Rectory, Hills Road Cambridge CB2 1JR. Further information about the parish can be found at www.olem.org.uk

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

In conjunction with OLEM, the first meeting of the Catholic Women's Discussion Group will be held in the Fisher Room on 18 May from 3-5 pm. We will be discussing *Mulieris Dignitatem* over tea and cake, but please feel free to come even if you haven't read the encyclical. Women of all ages are welcome. Please contact Julia (jtl@cantab.net) or Monica (monicaaway@gmail.com) with any questions.

CAFOD - HUNGRY FOR CHANGE

Campaign 'loaves and fish' action cards for CAFOD's Hungry for Change campaign (part of the Big IF coalition lobbying the UK government to take a leading position in international measures to tackle world hunger) are available in the foyer and hall. Please fill one half in and leave it in the box to be sent off - and share the other half with a friend. Any reflections written in the space provided are also welcome - we will use them to make a display to take to London for the G8 World Hunger Summit on 8th June. For more information see <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Take-action-today/Joint-campaign-on-food> or <http://enoughfoodif.org/>

THE SOLEMNITY OF 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 angels, 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.