

THE SPIRIT OF PEACE

Pentecost is often called the “birthday” of the missionary church. Filled with the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, the disciples were empowered to carry forward in time the ongoing mission of Jesus Christ until he returns to complete the work of redemption. To help them with this, the disciples received the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Every year, this celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is an invitation to us to have the same encounter. It is the Holy Spirit which makes it possible for us to live lives of sacrificial love, holiness and service in a world that God still loves - a world into which He still sends His Son, through the Body of Christ, the Church - of which we are all members.

One of the most precious fruits of the Holy Spirit is peace; and this Pentecost the message of peace is given emphasis in a special way. Pope Francis has asked us all to participate spiritually in his meeting with President Shimon Peres and Mahmoud Abbas which will take place this Pentecost Sunday afternoon. They will be joined by Patriarch Bartholomew, who shared in Pope Francis’ recent pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The purpose of this meeting is a spiritual and fraternal one, as they come together to pray for peace in the world.

The Holy Father’s has specifically asked that Christians unite ourselves with him in prayer on this special day, and that we offer up an intense prayer to God so that finally there may be given to the Land of Jesus that peace which the angels announced at his birth. The Pope writes:

“In this way, the invocation for world peace, emanating from the tomb of Peter, will extend throughout the earth. Let us be confident that the promise of the Lord may be fulfilled: “if two of you agree about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my Heavenly Father’ (Mt 18:19).”

Fr Mark



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 8 June
Pentecost Sunday

CALENDAR

Sunday 8	PENTECOST SUNDAY 8.00 Extraordinary Form (Tridentine) 9.00 Sung Latin Mass 11.00 Sung English Mass
Monday 9	12.30 Mass <i>St Columba</i>
Tuesday 10	1.05 Mass
Wednesday 11	12.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 1.05 Mass <i>St Barnabas, apostle</i>
Thursday 12	1.05 Mass
Friday 13	1.05 Mass <i>St Anthony of Padua</i> 7.30 Mass
Saturday 14	1.05 Mass 4.30 Confessions 6.00 Vigil Mass
Sunday 15	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (No Extraordinary Form Mass) 9.00 Sung Latin Mass 11.00 THE LEAVERS’ MASS

MASS AT CORPUS CHRISTI

Mass will be celebrated in Corpus Christi College on Tuesday 10 June at 6.00pm

FR KEVIN

is in the Holy Land until 12 June, helping to deliver a course at Tantar Biblical Institute.

FISHER HOUSE SVP GROUP

The Saint Vincent de Paul group works throughout term time; feeding the homeless and hungry, visiting the elderly, and helping those on the margins in our city. Meetings are held every Thursday evening. Please contact Sarah Culkin on slcculkin@gmail.com

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the hangers near the entrance to Fisher House - they boast a fine selection of scarves, sweaters and hats. These will all be removed at the end of term.

PROFESSOR TONY KELLY

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Professor Kelly, who died this week. Tony was a great supporter of Fisher House and active in the appeal to renovate it. He was one of the founding Fellows of Churchill College. *Requiescat in Pace.*



CAFOD in BRAZIL

To celebrate the kick-off of the World Cup, and to highlight some of the social issues facing Brazil, the CAFOD group will host a coffee morning today after the 11.00 Mass, featuring Brazilian delicacies and information about the work of the Catholic Aid agency in Brazil.

LEAVERS' MASS AND BBQ

Hard as it is to believe, the leavers' Mass is almost upon us. The tear-filled occasion will be Sunday 15 June, 11.00am, followed by a lingering Barbeque on the Terrace Garden. Free for leavers; for all others a minimal cost.

FISHER HOUSE GARDEN PARTY

Dust off those boaters and practice your croquet swing! The Fisher House Garden Party will be held at the Margaret Beaufort Institute, Grange Road, on 18 June. The Pimms begins to flow at 2.00pm.

HOLY ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed in the Chapel on Saturdays at 5.30pm, Sundays after the 11am Mass, and Tuesdays and Thursdays after 1.05pm Mass.

A COMPASS FOR NAVIGATING REAL LIFE

Or: How the Church's Social Doctrine can inspire you to live your faith every day of the week.

Brother Richard Steenvoorde OP will speak on Catholic Social Teaching on Monday at 5.00pm in the Fisher Room. This talk is organized by the Fisher House Apologetics group, and all are welcome.

SAINTS AND SCONES

At 4.30pm, today, in Sr Ann's room, a delicious home-made real Devon cream tea will delight your taste-buds, as the story of St Thomas the Poet delights your ears.

LIBRARY BOOK RECALL

Please return all library books (those you have signed out and those that you may inadvertently have neglected to sign out ...) by Monday 9 June. The painstaking task of stocktaking will take place that week. Please assist the librarian by adhering to this deadline. If you have any belongings in the library, please remove them.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Nicholas Hudson, former member of the Fisher Committee, who was consecrated auxiliary Bishop of Westminster Diocese on Wednesday.

HOW MUCH IS IT WORTH?

Fisher House is only able to continue its work as the Catholic Chaplaincy because of the generosity of those who come to Mass, or who make donations or bequests. We get no money from the University, the Diocese or the Vatican! This weekend we will be asking you to consider two things: *how much* you give to Fisher House, and *the way* in which you give.

Please consider how Fisher House stacks up in your priorities: your Sunday donation should be at least be equivalent to the price of a pint of beer or a large glass of wine. If you are a tax payer, Fisher House can claim back your tax - worth an extra 25% - at no cost to you. Please consider making your weekly donation via standing order, which will enable us to claim this money. Forms are available outside the chapel.

DOMINIC McGRATTAN

Please keep Dominic, our deacon, in your prayers as he prepares for ordination to the priesthood on 29 June in the diocese of Down and Connor.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

£474.83

Thank you!