

# Fisher House Newsletter

Sunday 3 March 2013 – Third Sunday of Lent, Cycle C



Day		Time		Other Information
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>3 MARCH</b>	<b>8:00AM</b> <b>9:00AM</b> <b>11:00AM</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	<b>LOW MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM – FR ALBAN</b> <b>SUNG LATIN MASS – FR OSWALD MCBRIDE OSB</b> <b>SUNG ENGLISH MASS – FR OSWALD MCBRIDE OSB</b>
Monday	4 March	12:15pm		Mass
Tuesday	5 March	1:05pm 6:00pm		Mass <b>College Mass in Sidney Sussex Chapel</b>
Wednesday	6 March	12:30pm 1:05pm		<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> Mass
Thursday	7 March	1:05pm		Mass
Friday	8 March	1:05pm		Mass
Saturday	9 March	1:05pm 4:30- 5:30pm <b>6:00pm</b>		Mass <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and</b> <b>Confessions in the Chapel: FR KEVIN</b> <b>Said Vigil Mass for Sunday – FR ALBAN</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>10 MARCH</b>	<b>8:00AM</b> <b>9:00AM</b> <b>11:00AM</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>LAETARE SUNDAY</b>	<b>LOW MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM – FR ALBAN</b> <b>SUNG LATIN MASS – FR ALBAN</b> <b>SUNG ENGLISH MASS – FR ALBAN</b>

## TODAY

**YET MORE NEW & NEARLY NEW BOOKS FOR SALE  
IN LIBRARY**

### SUNDAY LUNCH

**Sausage Casserole will be served on a first come,  
first served basis in the Fisher Room after the  
11.00am Mass.**

### Fisher House vs Oxford Chaplaincy Football Match Today at 2pm

Trinity College football pitch, off Cranmer Road (behind  
the University Rugby Union Club and across from Selwyn)  
**Fans and supporters needed.**

## Monday 4 March

**12.15pm: Mass** followed by lunch.

**1.15pm: Catholicism for the Curious.** This week's  
topic: *A Morality of Duty or Opportunity? Two Rival  
Versions of Freedom*

**8.00pm: Graduate Drinks** in the Fisher Room  
[Please note: the speaker evening has been  
cancelled]

## Tuesday 5 March

**1.05pm: Mass** followed by lunch

### POETRY, FORM & FAITH

led this week by Tom Imber, (Peterhouse) in the library at  
6.00pm. This week's topic: *Anglo-Saxon Poetry*

**COLLEGE MASS IN SIDNEY SUSSEX CHAPEL  
AT 6.00PM FOLLOWED BY DRINKS**

### TAIZE PRAYER

9pm in TRINITY HALL COLLEGE CHAPEL, part of a special  
Lenten series. Half an hour of calm in a busy term - all  
very welcome. Any questions or instrumentalists, please  
get in touch with Imogen (ics26@cam.ac.uk).

## Wednesday 6 March

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

### THE FISHER HOUSE-VON HUGEL INSTITUTE SEMINAR

**Wednesday 6 March 5-7.00pm**  
**GLOBAL WARNING & EQUITABLE  
DEVELOPMENT: THE ETHICAL AND  
POLITICAL PRIORITIES**

Chaired by Rowan Williams (Lord Williams of  
Oystermouth), Master of Magdalene & former  
Archbishop of Canterbury.

### NO THEOLOGY FOR NON-THEOLOGIANS

*This evening due to the Seminar*

### CATHOLICISM: THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

A film in ten episodes  
at 8.00pm in the Fisher Room

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS CANCELLED DUE TO SEMINAR**

**Thursday 7 March**

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

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

**6.00PM IN THE LIBRARY**

*Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*

led by Sr Ann OP in the library.

All Welcome

**6.30pm:** SVP meeting in the Fisher Room

**Friday 8 March**

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

**BAR QUIZ NIGHT**

**IN THE FISHER ROOM, BEGINNING AT 8.00PM.**

**Saturday 9 March**

**1.05pm:** Mass.

4.30pm: Confessions in the Chapel

6.00pm: Vigil Mass for Sunday

**For your diary**

**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)

**FORTHCOMING COLLEGE MASSES**

Friday 8 March: Churchill College Chapel at 6.30pm, followed by dinner. Contact:

**FISHER HOUSE COOK BOOK**

*Frugal Friday Cook Book*

Vegetarian Recipes from around the world, contributed by members of Fisher House £6 only. Order forms outside the chapel.

"We all have some sin." This bald statement of fact occurs in one of the *Lectures on Matthew's Gospel* which St Thomas delivered at Paris. It is a statement intended to refute the naïve notion that there are people in this world who have no need of God's forgiveness, since they have never committed even a single sin during their entire lives. "But if this were the case," Thomas notes, "then there would be some people who could not say the *Our Father*, whereas the Lord gave this prayer to all of us, and so we all have some sin. *The righteous will fall seven times a day* (Proverbs 24:16). *For if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves* (1 John 1.8)." On a related question, writing in the *Summa*, St Thomas takes issue with those people who imagine that, having already obtained the grace of the Holy Spirit, they can now do good and avoid sin without any further assistance of grace. But, of course, "in the actual conditions of the state of human nature" the very opposite is the case.

The phrase, *Forgive us our sins*, in the Lord's Prayer, reminds us of two of the most basic things we need in the Christian life: the first is to be humble, and the second is to be filled with hope. Those who are genuinely holy possess both of these characteristics, according to St Thomas. In marked contrast, however, there are others who seem to believe that human beings, by their own strength, can avoid falling into sin.

"There have been some so presumptuous", says Thomas, "as to assert that we could live in this world and, by our own unaided strength, avoid sin. But this has been given to none save Christ, who the Spirit beyond all measure, and the Blessed Virgin, who was full of grace and in whom there was not sin...To no other saint has this been granted without their incurring at least venial sin...And this is confirmed by this petition itself, for it cannot be doubted that it is fitting for even holy men and women to recite the *Our Father*, in which is contained the petition *Forgive us our sins*. And so all acknowledge and admit that they are sinners or debtors...The other thing is that we should ever live in hope, since though we are sinners we must not despair, lest despair lead us to various and greater sins...It is therefore most profitable for us to hope always since, however great a sinner a man may be, he should hope that God will forgive him provided he is thoroughly contrite and converted, and this hope is strengthened in us when we pray *Forgive us our sins*." From Paul Murray OP, *Praying with Confidence: Aquinas on the Lord's Prayer*, Continuum 2010, pp.71-74