

Fisher House Newsletter

Sunday 10 March 2013 – Fourth Sunday of Lent, Cycle C



Day	Time	Other Information
SUNDAY 10 MARCH	8:00AM 9:00AM 11:00AM	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT LOW MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM – FR ALBAN SUNG LATIN MASS – FR ALBAN SUNG ENGLISH MASS – FR ALBAN
Monday 11 March	12:15pm	Mass
Tuesday 12 March	1:05pm	Mass
Wednesday 13 March	12:30pm 1:05pm 7:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass Stations of the Cross
Thursday 14 March	1:05pm	Mass
Friday 15 March	1:05pm	Mass
Saturday 16 March	6:00pm	NO MIDDAY MASS Said Vigil Mass for Sunday – FR ALBAN
SUNDAY 17 MARCH	8:00AM 9:00AM 11:00AM	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT LOW MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM – FR ALBAN SUNG LATIN MASS – FR ALBAN SUNG ENGLISH MASS – FR ALBAN

TODAY

YET MORE NEW & NEARLY NEW BOOKS FOR SALE IN LIBRARY

Monday 11 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*

GRADUATE SPEAKER EVENING

6.00pm in the Fisher Room

The speaker is the recently retired Catholic High Sherriff of Cambridgeshire, Mrs Penny Walkinshaw,

Tuesday 12 March

1.05pm: Mass followed by lunch

POETRY, FORM & FAITH

led by Sr Anna Mary OP and Professor Howard Erskine-Hill.
This week: *The temptations of Christ in the wilderness. The poet is John Milton: we shall read from "Paradise Regained".*

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 13 March

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

THEOLOGY FOR NON-THEOLOGIANs

Journey Towards Easter

6.00pm in the Library.

led by Sr Ann OP. All welcome.

CATHOLICISM: THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

A film in ten episodes

at 8.00pm in the Fisher Room

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7.00PM IN THE CHAPEL

Thursday 14 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 15 March

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

Saturday 16 March

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO MIDDAY MASS TODAY.

6.00pm: Vigil Mass for Sunday

For your diary

A PASSIONTIDE MEDITATION IN WORDS & MUSIC

Sung by the choir of the Academy of Music and Sacred Arts at Sainte Anne d'Aubray, Brittany France directed by Richard Quesnel Thursday 21 March at 7.00pm in the Chapel

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

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.

The OLEM Year of Faith Lecture

set for Tuesday, 13th March has had to be postponed, as the lecturer, Fr. Paul Gunter, who is an advisor at the Office of the Liturgical Celebrations of the Supreme Pontiff, has to remain in Rome for the duration of the Conclave and until the installation of the new Pope. A new date will be arranged as soon as is possible.

Holy Week and the Easter Triduum at Fisher House

The full Holy Week and Easter Liturgy will take place as follows:

Palm Sunday 24 March 10.30am Mass
Maundy Thursday 28 March 7.30pm Mass
Good Friday 29 March 3.00pm Liturgy
Easter Vigil 31 March 4.00am followed by breakfast

What happiness, what security, what joy to have someone to whom you dare to speak on terms of equality as to another self; one to whom you need have no fear to confess your failings; one to whom you can unblushingly make known what progress you have made in the spiritual life; one to whom you can entrust all the secrets of your heart and before whom you can place all your plans. What, therefore, is more pleasant than so to unite to oneself the spirit of another and of two to form one, that no boasting is thereafter to be feared, no suspicion to be dreaded, no correction of one by the other to cause pain, no praise on the part of one to bring a charge of adulation from the other.

“A friend,” says the Wise Man, “is the medicine of life.” Excellent indeed is that saying. For medicine is not more powerful or more efficacious for our wounds in all our temporal needs than the possession of a friend who meets every misfortune joyfully, so that, as the Apostle says, shoulder to shoulder, they bear one another’s burdens. Even more – each carries his own injuries even more lightly than that of his friend.

Friendship, therefore, heightens the joys of prosperity and mitigates the sorrows of adversity by dividing and sharing them. Hence, the best medicine in life is a friend...In every action, in every pursuit, in certainty, in doubt, in every event and fortune of whatever sort, in private and in public, in every deliberation, at home and abroad, everywhere friendship is found to be appreciated, a friend a necessity, a friend’s service a thing of utility. ‘Wherefore, friends’, says Cicero, ‘though absent are present, though poor are rich, though weak are strong, and what seems stranger still – though dead are alive.’

Friendship is a stage bordering upon that perfection which consists in the love and knowledge of God, so that man, from being a friend of his fellow man, becomes the friend of God, according to the words of the Saviour in the Gospel: ‘I will not now call you servants, but my friends.’

*St Aelred of Rievaulx (1109-66), born in Hexham, was a Cistercian monk at the then recently founded abbey at Rievaulx in Yorkshire, the ruins of which stand in the beautiful countryside, close to Ampleforth Abbey. His book, **Spiritual Friendship**, incorporates Cicero’s appreciation of chaste friendship, grafting the supernatural onto the natural gift.*

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