

## PRAYING WITH THE MASTERS

By Fr Kevin

If our chaplaincy were to have a new year's resolution, I hope it would be to grow closer to Christ by means of our studies. How might we make practical steps toward it? It is as simple as remembering to pray when we first sit down at our desks, enter the library, or walk into the lab. To that end, why not memorize a new and beautiful prayer from our tradition that relates our minds God? Here are three suggestions from three figures for whom thinking and praying were very closely related:

Creator of all things, true source of light and wisdom, origin of all being, graciously let a ray of your light penetrate the darkness of my understanding. Take from me the double darkness in which I have been born, an obscurity of sin and ignorance. Give me a keen understanding, a retentive memory, and the ability to grasp things correctly and fundamentally. Grant me the talent of being exact in my explanations and the ability to express myself with thoroughness and charm. Point out the beginning, direct the progress, and help in the completion.

*St. Thomas Aquinas, OP*

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,  
my memory, my understanding, and my entire will,  
All I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it.  
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.  
Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me.

*St. Ignatius of Loyola*

Lead, Kindly Light, amidst th'encircling gloom, Lead Thou me on!  
The night is dark, and I am far from home, Lead Thou me on!  
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see  
The distant scene; one step enough for me.  
I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou Shouldst lead me on;  
I loved to choose and see my path; but now Lead Thou me on!  
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,  
Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years!  
So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still Will lead me on.  
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till The night is gone,  
And with the morn those angel faces smile,  
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!  
Meantime, along the narrow rugged path, Thyself hast trod,  
Lead, Saviour, lead me home in childlike faith, Home to my God.  
To rest forever after earthly strife In the calm light of everlasting life.

*Blessed John Henry Newman*



## FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 19 January - 2nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

### CALENDAR

Sunday 19		<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	
	8.00	Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)	
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass	
	11.00	Sung English Mass	
		<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	
Monday 20	12.30	Mass	(St Sebastian)
Tuesday 21	1.05	Mass	St Agnes
Wednesday 22	1.05	Mass	(St Vincent)
Thursday 23	1.05	Mass	
Friday 24	1.05	Mass	St Francis de Sales
Saturday 25	1.05	Mass	The Conversion of St Paul
	6.00	Vigil Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 26		<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	
	8.00	Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)	
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass	
	11.00	Sung English Mass	

### **TERM CARDS**

Please ensure that you take your term card after Mass. College Reps, please take your college bundles, from the Fisher Room

### **FRIDAY 7.30pm MASS**

This Mass will be more informal, and over the weeks it is hoped that it will develop its own style. All are welcome—and the bar is open afterwards! If you are a musician, and would like to participate, please see one of the chaplains.

### **CRUMBS ON FRIDAY**

- but before you head off to the bar, wait in the chapel! Immediately following Mass there will be a four-minute explanation of things we do, but don't know why we do them. This week: Sr Ann on *Why do we genuflect?*

### **FISHER HOUSE LIBRARY**

It is now possible to borrow books from the library. Please see the notices outside the chapel and in the library.

### **CATHOLICISM FOR THE CURIOUS**

Fr Mark will lead a discussion at 1.15 on Monday in the Fisher Room, on *Ecumenism: What's the point?* Please note that the time of Mass beforehand is now 12.30pm.

### **SAINTS AND SCONES**

Sr Ann leads a discussion on saints, over cream tea, on Sunday at 4.30pm in her study. This week: Justin Martyr. Call at the door of (old) Fisher House.

### **CAKE SALE**

There will be a sale of cakes in the Fisher Room after 11.00 Mass today and next Sunday, to raise money for the Cambridge Students for Life group.

### **INTERNSHIP**

A year's internship is available at Westminster Cathedral, from the summer, for a male student—particularly, but not necessarily, thinking of priestly vocation. For more information, see Fr Mark.

### **APOLOGETICS GROUP**

The group meets every Saturday at 7.00pm in the Library. This term we will be studying Chesterton's *Orthodoxy*. All welcome. Contact Sam Trizuljak (st571)

### **COMMUNION AND LIBERATION**

We invite you to our weekly meetings to help each other grow in awareness of faith, every Thursday at 9.00pm in the Music Room at OLEM. Please see the poster outside the chapel, or contact Mark Young (my321)

### **CATHOLIC GRADUATE SOCIETY**

There will be talk at 6.00pm on Wednesday by Jacob Rees Mogg, MP for NE Somerset, and Euro-sceptic and parliamentary filibusterer extraordinaire. All graduates welcome.

### **LECTIO DIVINA GROUP**

We will meet on Friday at 6.00pm in the Chapel to pray with the Sunday Mass readings, followed by refreshments in the Fisher Room.

### **ROSARY LEGION OF MARY**

The Rosary is prayed in the Chapel on Saturdays at 5:30pm (before the vigil Mass), Sundays after the 11am Mass, and Tuesdays after the 1:05pm Mass. [FisherHouseRosary@gmail.com](mailto:FisherHouseRosary@gmail.com)

### **COLLEGE MASS AT JESUS**

Friday, 6.45pm, followed by reception. Contact Pavel Kohout (pk396)

### **MAGDALENE COLLEGE**

Fr Mark will preach this evening at Evensong, 6.30pm.

### **PEMBROKE COLLEGE**

Sister Ann will preach at evensong next Sunday, 6.15pm.

### **POETRY, FORM AND FAITH**

On Tuesday at 6.00pm in the Library, Sr Anna Mary OP will lead a weekly discussion on poetry and literature. All welcome.

### **SCHOLA CANTORUM**

Providing Gregorian chant and polyphony for the 9.00 Latin Mass each Sunday. New members always most welcome. Contact Matthew Swanson ([mjswanson2@gmail.com](mailto:mjswanson2@gmail.com))

### **ENGLISH MASS CHOIR**

Singing at the 11.00 Mass on Sundays, with a practice on Sunday mornings at 10.00. New members always welcome. Contact Dominic Wong ([dhtw2](mailto:dhtw2))

### **FOR YOUR DIARIES:**

Readers' workshop, Saturday 1 February 2.00pm—3.30pm

Film Night: Sunday 2 February, 7.00pm, *The Tree of Life* will be shown in the Library. Popcorn provided.

Matt Jeziorski will speak on the work of *Pax Christi*, 7.30pm Thursday 27 February.

<b>COLLECTION LAST WEEK</b> £377.10
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