

WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST

By Sr Ann

Last week we celebrated the Conversion of St Paul. En route to Damascus to round up the followers of a troublesome new sect, a young man named Saul was knocked decisively off his course, stunned by a light from heaven. When he came to his senses, he no longer wanted to persecute Christians, but instead sought baptism, taking the name Paul - and the rest is history. A voice accompanied the blinding flash: what did it say? Intriguingly, not "Saul, why are you trying to destroy my organisation?" or even "why do you hate my friends so much?" but "Saul, why are you persecuting *me*?" and, just in case he missed the point: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting". Ever since, Christians have wrestled with the implications - in every encounter with our brothers and sisters, in all our own joys and sufferings, we are meeting no one less than Jesus himself.

Here are some words from Caryl Houselander, a 20th century English laywoman, a poet, artist, mystic and therapist, to help us reflect on both the consolation and the challenge of belonging to Christ's body the Church:

The meaning of the Mystical Body of Christ is that Christ lives in all Christians. In some he is newly born. In some he is a child. In some he is homeless. In some he is ignored, unrecognised, mocked, betrayed. In some he is hungry in some he is naked, in some he is helpless. He remains being tempted in all those who are tempted: in those who are in mortal sin, he is in the tomb. We should never come to a sinner without the reverence that we would take to the Holy Sepulchre. Pilgrims have travelled on foot for years to kiss the Holy Sepulchre, which is empty. In sinners we can kneel at the tomb in which the dead Christ lies.

(from *The Reed of God* 1944)

In those who have received him in Holy Communion, Christ goes among whom he will, to whatever places he chooses to be in: with little children he goes into the schoolroom, with office-workers to the office; with shop assistants to the shop...Not only priests, but doctors and nurses and the paper-sellers in hospitals take him to the sick and the dying; to patients who have forgotten God. Not only the military chaplain but common soldiers take him into the barracks and into battle. In their comrades, Christ marches side by side with boys who have never been told about his love.

(from *The Passion of the Infant Christ* 1949)



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 26 January - 3rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

CALENDAR

Sunday 26	THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
	8.00	Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)	
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass	
	11.00	Sung English Mass	
Monday 27	12.30	Mass	
Tuesday 28	1.05	Mass	St Thomas Aquinas
Wednesday 29	1.05	Mass	
Thursday 30	1.05	Mass	
Friday 31	1.05	Mass	St John Bosco
Saturday 1	1.05	Mass	
February	6.00	Vigil Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 2	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD		
	8.00	Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)	
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass	
	11.00	Sung English Mass	

TERM CARDS

There are still some cards to be collected. College Reps, please take your college bundles from the Fisher Room.

FRIDAY 7.30pm MASS

This Mass is proving popular—and so is the bar afterwards! The style is more relaxed, the music more modern. If you are a musician, and would like to participate, please contact John Darlison on jd600. *** This Friday, in the bar, port and cheese tasting.

CRUMBS ON FRIDAY

- but before you head off to the bar, a four-minute explanation of things we do, but don't know why we do them. This week: Fr Mark on *Why do we light candles?*

FISHER HOUSE LIBRARY

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

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.

CATHOLICISM FOR THE CURIOUS

Fr Mark will lead a discussion at 1.15 on Monday in the Fisher Room, on *Is the Pope infallible?*

SAINTS AND SCONES

Sr Ann hosts a discussion on saints, over cream tea, on Sunday at 4.30pm in her study. This week: Fr Kevin on *Saints of the Holy Cross*.

APOLOGETICS GROUP

The group meets every Saturday at 7.00pm in the Library to study Chesterton's *Orthodoxy*. Contact Sam Trizuljak (st571)

BLACKFRIARS AQUINAS LECTURE

Tuesday, 6.00pm at Blackfriars, Dr Richard Conrad OP will speak on "Of his fulness we have all received" - St John and St Thomas on How Christ saves us.

COMMUNION AND LIBERATION

Meets every Thursday at 9.00pm in the Music Room at OLEM. Please see the poster outside the chapel, or contact Mark Young (my321)

GRADUATE SOCIETY

This Wednesday, bar night, at 8.00pm. All welcome.

READERS' WORKSHOP

Next Saturday, from 2.00pm—3.30pm, a workshop will be held in the chapel for all those who read at Mass in Fisher House.

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, Sundays after the 11am Mass, and Tuesdays and Thursdays after 1.05pm Mass. *FisherHouseRosary@gmail.com*

COLLEGE MASS @ QUEENS'

Thursday, at 6.00pm. There will also be the launch of a Queens' College Rosary Group. Please contact Michael Loy on mpal2 if you wish to attend Formal afterwards.

COLLEGE MASS @ CHRIST'S

Tuesday 4 February. If you wish to attend Formal afterwards please email Miffy Mifsud on rwm41 by Tuesday.

SCHOLA CANTORUM

Providing Gregorian chant and polyphony for the 9.00 Latin Mass each Sunday. New members always most welcome. Contact Matthew Swanson



FILM CLUB

The Tree of Life is Terrence Malik's extraordinary meditation on grace and nature. The mystery of life is encapsulated in the story of a 1950's American family. 7.30pm. Free entry and Popcorn.

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.

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)

PEMBROKE COLLEGE

Sister Ann will preach at evening song this evening, 6.15pm.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Meets every Thursday at 6.30pm in the Fisher Room, helping those in Cambridge less fortunate than ourselves.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

£405.20