

FRIENDSHIP IN CHRIST

by Sr Ann

It is getting to that stage in term where we are probably all feeling somewhat weary, perhaps even a little despondent, and more than usually aware of our need for support. At such times, it can be a useful spiritual exercise consciously to give thanks for all those things in our lives that help to sustain us. Above all, it is good to renew our gratitude for the *people* who sustain us, for our friends who see us at our worst and still accept us as we are, reminding us of the unchanging love of God for each one of us. Here are some words from our tradition which we can use to remind ourselves of the beauty of friendship, and to pray for our friends.

Friendship is a path that leads very close to the perfection which consists of the enjoyment and knowledge of God.

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Eternal God, I pray to you for all those you have given me to love with a special love and with special concern. Let them be illuminated with your light, let all imperfection be taken from them, so that in truth, they may work in your garden, where you have assigned them.

St Catherine of Siena

O dear friendship, what a gift of God it is. Speak no ill of it. Rather, praise its Maker and Model, the Blessed Three-in-One.

Bede Jarrett, OP



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 16 February - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CALENDAR

Sunday 16	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
	8.00	Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass
	11.00	Sung English Mass
Monday 17	12.30	Mass
Tuesday 18	1.05	Mass
Wednesday 19	12.30	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	1.05	Mass
Thursday 20	1.05	Mass
Friday 21	1.05	Mass
	7.30	Mass
Saturday 22	1.05	Mass
	4.30	Confessions
	6.00	Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday 23	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
	8.00	Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass
	11.00	Sung English Mass

FISHER SOCIETY

Congratulations to Michael Loy on his election as Chairman of the Fisher Society. Other officers will be elected in the coming week.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

The match against the Oxford chaplaincy takes place on 2 March, with training session on 16 and 23 February at 2.00pm on Jesus Green. After our inexplicable mauling in the last match, victory is imperative — contact Sam Trizuljak on st571.

FRIDAY 7.30pm MASS

This Mass is proving very popular: if you are a musician, and would like to participate in a more contemporary style of Mass please contact John Darlison on jd600.

PARLIAMENTARY

INTERNSHIPS 2014—2015

Organised by the Catholic Bishops' Conference, for recent graduates; there are various posts in Parliament, the Bishops' Conference, and Archbishop's House. You can apply online—please see outside the chapel for details.

CONSISTORY

Next Saturday, Archbishop Vincent will be made a Cardinal in Rome. Please keep him in your prayers.

PREACHER THIS WEEKEND

Fr Martin Boland, Dean of Brentwood Cathedral and contributor to the *Jericho Tree* blogsite will be preaching at Fisher House today.

GRADUATE SOCIETY

This Wednesday at 6.00pm the speaker will be Lord Charles Guthrie, former head of the British Army and Chief of Defence Staff.

CATHOLICISM FOR THE CURIOUS

Fr Mark will lead a discussion at 1.15 on Monday in the Fisher Room, on *The Council of Trent*.

CRUMBS ON FRIDAY

After the 7.30pm Mass, a 4-minute explanation of things we do, but don't know why we do them. This week: Sr Ann on *Why do we have different colours at Mass?*

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)

KOLB TRUST

This fund gives grants to Catholic women students, born in the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland. Please see the poster outside the chapel for conditions and details.

SAINTS AND SCONES

Sr Ann leads a discussion on saints, over cream tea, on Sunday at 4.30pm in her study. This week: *Pier Giorgio Frassati*.

RETREAT TO WORTH

The traditional retreat to Worth takes place 21—23 March, cost £60 unwaged, £100 waged. There is a sign-up list outside the chapel. Contact Anna Webb (aew64).

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*

CHOIRS—NEW MEMBERS

If you wish to sing in the 9.00am Latin choir contact Matthew Swanson (mjswanson2@gmail.com); for the English Mass choir at 11.00 contact Dominic Wong (dhtw2).

COMMUNION AND LIBERATION

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

FISHER LECTURE

Owing to the illness of the speaker, this lecture, which was to have taken place on 7 March, is postponed to next term.

THE GILBEY REQUIEM

The annual Requiem Mass, in the Extraordinary Form, for Monsignor Gilbey (chaplain 1932—1965) will take place in the chapel on 25 February at 6.00pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

An evening of poetry, on the theme of the Stations, on Sunday 9 March. If you would like to contribute, contact Michael Loy on mpa12.

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.

MARY WARD LECTURE

Professor Mary McAleese, former President of Ireland, and Professor Janet Martin Soskice, will discuss Women in the Church and the Academy, 11.00am, Saturday 1 March, Law Faculty, West Road.

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is printed early on Saturday—please get information to Fr Mark by Friday evening.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK £455.90.
