

# Fisher House Newsletter

Sunday 7 October – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year, Cycle B



Day	Time	Other Information
<b>Sunday 7 October</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>11:00am</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>FRESHERS' MASS</b> <b>Sung Latin Mass – Fr Alban</b> <b>Sung English Mass – Fr Alban</b>
Monday 8 October	12:15pm	
Tuesday 9 October	1:05pm	<b>Bl. John Henry Cardinal Newman (1801-90)</b>
Wednesday 10 October	12:30pm 1:05pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass
Thursday 11 October	1:05pm	Mass
Friday 12 October	1:05pm	Mass
Saturday 13 October	1:05pm 4:30-5:30pm <b>6:00pm</b>	<b>St Edward the Confessor (1003-1066)</b> Mass <b>Confessions in the Chapel: Fr Alban</b> <b>Vigil Mass for Sunday – Fr Kevin</b>
<b>Sunday 14 October</b>	<b>9:00am</b> <b>11:00am</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b> <b>Sung Latin Mass – Fr Kevin</b> <b>Sung English Mass – Fr Kevin</b>

## A VERY WARM WELCOME IF YOU ARE NEW TO CAMBRIDGE AND FISHER HOUSE

**REGISTRATION**  
IF YOU'RE NEW TO FISHER HOUSE,  
PLEASE REGISTER BY FILLING IN THE SLIP,  
AVAILABLE OUTSIDE THE CHAPEL.  
IF YOUR STATUS HAS CHANGED SINCE LAST YEAR,  
PLEASE REGISTER AGAIN.

**TODAY**  
**FREE LUNCH**  
AFTER THE 11.00AM IN THE FISHER ROOM.  
COME ALONG TO HEAR ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT FISHER  
HOUSE THIS TERM.

**LUNCHES AFTER THE MIDDAY MASS ARE FREE FOR  
FRESHERS ALL THIS WEEK**

### Monday 8 October

**12.15pm:** Mass followed by lunch in the Fisher Room & **CATHOLICISM FOR THE CURIOUS** at **1.15pm:** a short talk given by Fr Alban on what Catholics believe and why. All welcome.

**FRESHERS' BAR EVENING**  
IN THE FISHER ROOM AT **8.00PM**  
FIRST DRINK FREE FOR FRESHERS  
ALL (INCLUDING NON-FRESHERS) WELCOME

### Tuesday 9 October

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

**6.00pm:** **POETRY, FORM & FAITH: MY LETTER TO THE WORLD – EMILY DICKINSON & GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS.** Led by Sr Anna Mary OP & Professor Howard Erskine-Hill. All welcome.

### Wednesday 10 October

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

**6.00pm:** **THEOLOGY FOR NON-THEOLOGIANS: WHAT IS THEOLOGY?** led by Sr Ann OP. All welcome.

**GRADUATES DRINKS PARTY**  
IN THE FISHER ROOM AT **8.00pm**

### Thursday 11 October

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

**6.00pm:** **BIBLE STUDY GROUP: THE GOSPEL AND THE GOSPELS,** led by Sr Ann OP. All welcome.

**6.30pm:** **SVP MEETING** in the Fisher Room with a light supper.

### Friday 12 October

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

**8.30pm:** **BAR OPEN IN THE FISHER ROOM.**

### Saturday 13 October

**1.05pm:**

### TERM CARDS

Please take a term card, check who your college rep is and make yourself known.

### READERS AT MASS

If you would like to read at Mass, please see Sr Ann.

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

If you would like to be a Eucharistic minister, please see Sr Ann after Mass. Preparation by Sr Ann will begin on Saturday 13 October at 3.00pm in the Library.

### **CHOIRS**

New members for both choirs are needed. Please contact Thomas Neal (*tn258*) for the Latin Choir at the 9.00am Mass and Rachael Darlison (*rcd38*) or Gavin Jarvis (*gej1000*) for the English Choir at the 11.00am Mass

### **FORTHCOMING COLLEGE MASSES**

Monday 5 November at St John's  
Wednesday 21 November at Queens'

### **BLESSED JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN**

Newman's reasoning is so pure that it is revolutionary in form. He does not go forward from point to point, but leads the mind inward, probing the secret places of the subject in hand. You can never anticipate what he is leading up to...He was out for the psychological penetration of moral character, and he achieved it...In his own time his persuasive power was greatly feared. But what did it consist of? Simplicity of intellect and speech. Simplicity is the most suspect of qualities. It upsets people a great deal. I think it was this that caused suspicion to gather round him. James Anthony Froude, an undergraduate at the time, who heard him preach Sunday after Sunday said: "...he is supposed to have been insidious, to have led his disciples on to conclusions to which he designed to bring them, while his purpose was carefully veiled. He was, on the contrary, the most transparent of men. He told us what he believed to be true. He did not know where it would carry him."

*From Muriel Spark's foreword to A Selection of Newman's Parochial and Plain Sermons, Edited by Vincent Blehl SJ, DLT1964*

### **SAINTS THIS WEEK**

#### **ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR 13 OCTOBER**

St Edward the Confessor (1003-1066), became King of England in 1042. Until the mid-15th century, he was patron of England. King Edward's body was found to be incorrupt when it was uncovered in 1102 and, having survived the depredations of the Protestant Reformation, it still lies in Westminster Abbey, which he founded and which is the place where all the Kings and Queens of England have been crowned since. Edward was educated not far from here, at Ely. His

reign was from a political point of view successful. He lacked all guile, ambition and ruthlessness. On the contrary, it was his *ruthfulness* – his compassionate nature – that gained him a reputation for holiness, even during his lifetime: he remitted taxes for the poor and was remarkably accessible to them. In worldly terms, Edward the Confessor was an outright failure. But he was and is among the truly 'blessed' who know their need of God.

### **ST TERESA OF AVILA 15 OCTOBER**

There can be few saints in whom the love of God is more immediate and intense than St Teresa of Avila and yet, by her own admission, she suffered from spiritual aridity until her forties. After that time, she experienced ecstatic rapture so frequently that she tried to conceal the fact out of embarrassment. And, yet, there's nothing remote about her. Her disarming candour and naturalness and her strong individuality shine through everything she says. To everything she writes she brings common sense and humour and irony and she can't stand pretentiousness. Even in her commentary on the *Song of Songs* she introduces a wonderful aside about a woman whose externally devout behaviour served only to express her own self-importance: "she was a saint in her own opinion, but when I got to know her, she frightened me more than all the sinners I have ever met."

Teresa was born in 1515 and was 40 years of age when she set out to reform the Carmelites and she suffered much frustration on the way. But she made it clear that her Reform wasn't to be measured only by severer austerity and increased asceticism. For her, inner conversion is marked by generosity, joy and the flourishing of God's gifts and, for her, the only sure evidence of growth in the mystical life is love of neighbour. She said many remarkable things to her sisters; but this one stands out: "Remember that you have only one soul; that you have only one death to die; that you have only one life, which is short and has to be lived by you alone; and that there is only one glory, which is eternal. If you remember this, there will be many things about which you care nothing." She died in 1582, was canonised 40 years later and, in 1970, was the first woman to be named a Doctor of the Church.