

THREE SNAPSHOTS OF HEAVEN

During this month of remembrance, we not only recall saints as models of our Christian vocation, but also pray for all of our brothers and sisters who have died. There is a further effect (and in no way secondary) of both of these actions: we once more situate heaven itself at the forefront of our thinking. By working through what resurrected life might be like, we will be ever more willing to allow God's grace to suffuse our current actions and relations. So, to help that contemplation, here are three snapshots:

Benedict XVI: *Being Heaven*

Let us say it once more before we end: the individual's salvation is whole and entire only when the salvation of the cosmos and all the elect has come to full fruition. For the redeemed are not simply adjacent to each other in heaven. Rather, in their being together as the one Christ, they *are* heaven. In that moment, the whole creation will become song. It will be a single act in which, forgetful of self, the individual will break through the limits of being into the whole, and the whole take up its dwelling in the individual. It will be joy in which all questioning is resolved and satisfied.

Eschatology (Trans. Nichols, OP)

Dante: *Seeing Heaven*

Idrew my eyes through every step and grade
now up, now lower, circling all around.
I saw their faces swayed to *caritas*,
arrayed in their own smiles and light not theirs,
and all they did adorned with dignity.

Paradiso, 31.47-51 (Trans. Kirkpatrick)

The Mass: *Heaven Praising*

To our departed brothers and sisters, too, and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory, when you will wipe away every tear from our eyes. For seeing you, our God as you are, we shall be like you for all the ages and praise you without end, through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

Eucharistic Prayer III

Fr Kevin



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 3 November - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

CALENDAR

Sunday 3	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00	Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
		9.00	Sung Latin Mass
		11.00	Sung English Mass
Monday 4	12.15	Mass	St Charles Borromeo
Tuesday 5	1.05	Mass	
Wednesday 6	1.05	Mass	
Thursday 7	1.05	Mass	(St Willibrord)
Friday 8	1.05	Mass	
Saturday 9	1.05	Mass	Dedication of Lateran Basilica
	4.30	Confessions	
	6.00	Vigil Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 10	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00	Low Mass in the Extraordinary Form
		9.00	Sung Latin Mass
		11.00	Sung English Requiem Mass

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday, when we pray for the dead of the two world wars, and all conflicts since that time. The 11.00 Mass next Sunday will be a Requiem, and will begin with two minutes' silence.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

Pages are available outside the chapel for you to record the names of those you wish to be prayer for in the month of the Holy Souls. They will be prayed for at every Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS to our new Ministers of the Eucharist, commissioned at Mass this Sunday.

CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS FOR LIFE

Meeting Sunday 3 November, at 6.00pm 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. Contact: FisherHouseRosary@gmail.com

TEA AND COFFEE is available after 11.00 Mass in the Fisher Room, next to the Chapel. All are welcome.

CATHOLICISM FOR THE CURIOUS

Following 12.15 Mass on Monday, Fr Mark will lead a discussion over lunch on the topic: *How do we know who is telling the truth?* All are welcome.

SAINTS AND SCONES

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

POETRY, FORM AND FAITH

Every Tuesday, at 6.00pm in the Library, Sr Anna Mary OP and Professor Howard Erskine-Hill will discuss poetry through the eyes of faith. All welcome.

APOLOGETICS GROUP, meeting on Saturdays at 7.00pm in the Library, to read and discuss "*Mere Christianity*" by C.S. Lewis. Contact Sam Trizuljak on st571.

LUNCH is available every weekday in term time from 1.00pm in the Fisher Room, price £1.50.

LIBRARY

Fisher House Library is open for private study whenever Fisher House is open.

EXPOSITION of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays at 12.30pm.

THE GREAT DEBATE!

On Friday 8 November, at 8.00pm there will be a debate in the Fisher Room with members of the CU Atheist Society on Faith Schools. All are welcome to this event, which will be followed by a bar evening.

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The SVP seeks to help those in Cambridge on the margins, and those less fortunate than ourselves. The group meets every Thursday at 6.30pm in the Fisher Room. All are welcome. Contact Sarah Culkin (sc741)

MONSIEUR VINCENT

The SVP will show an acclaimed film on the life of St Vincent, on 12 November at 8.00pm.

LECTIO DIVINA GROUP

We meet every Friday at 6.00pm in the Chapel to pray with the Sunday Mass readings, followed by refreshments in the Fisher Room. All are welcome. Contact Sr Ann on acs92.

COLLEGE MASS: CHURCHILL

on Friday 8 November, 6.30pm followed by Formal Hall.

AMPLEFORTH RETREAT

There will be a retreat at Ampleforth Monastery 8 to 11 December. If you are interested, please contact Sister Ann on acs92.

CATHOLIC GRADUATE SOCIETY

On Wednesday at 6.00pm, Dr Rob Hardie, President of the Catholic Medical Association, will be giving a talk. All graduates welcome.

FISHER HOUSE CHOIRS

If you wish to join the choirs at Fisher House, please contact Matthew Swanson (mjswanson2@gmail.com) for the Latin Choir, or Dominic Wong for the English Choir (dhtw2).

FISHER HOUSE CAFOD

The CAFOD group meets regularly to support and encourage action on poverty and injustice. Contact Imogen Sutton on ics26.

FISHER HOUSE ON FACEBOOK

Join the Fisher Society group page - for lots of information and reminders of events. Follow us also on www.facebook.com/CatholicChaplaincyCambridge