

SAINT ANDREW AND VOCATION

At the end of this month we celebrate the feast of St Andrew. It's a chance for Scots, Russians, fishermen and golfers to give thanks for his patronage and ask for his continued intercession, but also an opportunity to reflect on a theme relevant to all Christians – the theme of vocation.

The story is simple. As it is told in St John's Gospel, Andrew sees Jesus walking by the Sea of Galilee, hears John the Baptist acclaim him as the Lamb of God and immediately follows him. From St Matthew we learn that Andrew, like his brother Simon and their colleagues James and John, was a fisherman, called from his boat and his nets to become a fisher of men. After this highly dramatic episode, Andrew fades somewhat from the Gospel scene, conspicuous only by his absence on those occasions when the other three are privileged to share special moments of intimate prayer with Jesus, on the mountain of the Transfiguration and in the Garden of Gethsemane.

That we know so little about St Andrew is perhaps significant. At the heart of every vocation, which is another way of saying at the heart of the unique relationship each one of us has with the Lord, there is a secret. Each of us, made in the image of the God whom we are called to love unreservedly but whom we can never know exhaustively, is a mystery, not only to others, but even to ourselves. We should expect it to be difficult, therefore, to articulate to others, but even sometimes to ourselves, the ways in which the Lord seems to be leading us. Silence about "what happened next" between Andrew and Jesus is, then, entirely appropriate.

And yet, slightly paradoxically, that brings us back to one of the few things we do know about Andrew: he didn't come to the Lord alone, but with Simon, James, and John. Indeed, in St John's account, it is Andrew who introduces his brother to Jesus. It is impossible to imagine that the four of them didn't have conversations in which they shared their excitement and their confusion about this strange turn of events, speaking perhaps haltingly, with embarrassment, but surely overwhelmingly with astonished joy. This can serve as a reminder of how valuable it is for us to have companions when, in our turn, we are trying to make sense of what God is doing in our lives. We all need good friends to whom we can voice our insights, our apprehensiveness, even our frustration, but above all, our delight and our gratitude that we too are called to follow the Lord in whatever way most befits the unrepeatable and infinitely beloved personality he has given us.

Sr Ann



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 17 November - 33rd Sunday in ordinary time

CALENDAR

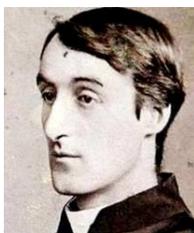
Sunday 17	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	8.00	Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)	
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass	
	11.00	Sung English Mass	
Monday 18	12.15	Mass	Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul
Tuesday 19	1.05	Mass	
Wednesday 20	1.05	Mass	
Thursday 21	1.05	Mass	Presentation of the BVM
Friday 22	1.05	Mass	St Cecilia, patron of Music
Saturday 23	1.05	Mass	St Clement, Pope
	4.30	Confessions	
	6.00	Vigil Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 24		OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	
	8.00	Low Mass in the Extraordinary Form	
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass	
	11.00	Sung English Mass	

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

Pages are available outside the chapel for you to record the names of those you wish to be prayed for in the month of the Holy Souls.

FISHER HOUSE LIBRARY

We want to build up the Catholic



culture section in the library. If you have suggestions for Catholic novels, poetry or films that you think should be included, please write

them in the folder in the library, or else email Fr Mark on chaplain@fisherhouse.co.uk —donations also welcome!

INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Share food from around the world at 7.00pm on 19 November. If you are coming, sign up outside the chapel. If you want to prepare some food, or can help with cooking, contact Hannah Woolley on hw379.

ROSARY LEGION OF MARY

At 5.30pm on Saturday, after 11.00 Mass on Sunday, and after 1.05pm Mass on Tuesday the rosary will be prayed for the typhoon victims in the Philippines.

EXPOSITION of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays at 12.30pm.

CAFOD TYPHOON HAIYAN APPEAL

There is a collection after all Masses this weekend, or hand your donation in to Fisher House during the week. You can also donate via www.cafod.org.uk

OXFORD vs CAMBRIDGE FOOTBALL MATCH takes place next Sunday in Oxford at 1.00. We wish our team all the best as they surge toward inevitable victory. Training today, Jesus Green, at 2.00pm.

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.

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.

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.

HUG A HOODIE!

The Fisher House hoodie is on sale at £22, S, M, L, XL. A sign-up sheet is be outside the chapel; please leave cash or a cheque with a Fisher Society committee member or a chaplain.

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The SVP helps those in Cambridge on the margins and less fortunate than ourselves. Meeting every Thursday at 6.30pm in the Fisher Room. All welcome. Contact Sarah Culkin (sc741)

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. Contact Sr Ann on acs92.

CATHOLIC GRADUATE SOCIETY

Andrew Festing, the celebrated portrait painter, will speak at 6.00pm in the Fisher Room. All graduates welcome.

CATHOLICISM FOR THE CURIOUS

Following 12.15 Mass on Monday, Fr Mark will lead a discussion over lunch on the topic: *I believe: the obedience of Faith*. All are welcome.

TONITE!! FISHER HOUSE FILM CLUB - beloved of Pope Francis and Rowan Williams: *Babette's Feast*, 7.30pm in the Library. Preceded at 7.00pm by a special edition of *Two Fat Ladies*. Popcorn provided.

AMPLEFORTH RETREAT

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

FISHER HOUSE CAFOD GROUP

will meet on Friday at 8.00am in the Fisher Room for prayer, discussion and breakfast. Contact Imogen Sutton on ics26.

CATHOLIC VOICES

A workshop on how to defend the Church without raising your voice will be held in London on 23 November. Full details at catholicvoices.org.uk/event/workshop-young-catholics

FISHER HOUSE ON FACEBOOK

Join the Fisher Society group page - for lots of information and reminders of events.

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