

A DIFFERENT LOOK AT KINGSHIP

This past week the Fisher House graduate students were visited by Andrew Festing, a painter whose works include many famous portraits—including Queen Elizabeth II and the members of Parliament. A look at Festing’s marvelous work or a walk through the National Portrait Gallery in London reveals people posing in the way they want to be remembered, often in splendid clothing, and before a carefully chosen background.

We are given a portrait of Christ our King in Luke’s Gospel today. The king has been raised up on a tree like the seraph serpent of Israelites in the desert. The background is two thieves, his clothing has been taken away, and the image seems grim. But such a portrait of Christ the King is not that which is meant to adorn a gallery. It marks the inauguration of a kingdom in which we are learning to live. And to that end, let’s turn to Origen the priest:

The kingdom of God, in the words of our Lord and Savior, does not come for all to see; nor shall they say: Behold, here it is, or behold, there it is; but the kingdom of God is within us, for the word of God is very near, in our mouth and in our heart. Thus it is clear that he who prays for the coming of God’s kingdom prays rightly to have it within himself, that there it might grow and bear fruit and become perfect. For God reigns in each of his holy ones. Any one who is holy obeys the spiritual laws of God, who dwells in him as in a well-ordered city. The Father is present in the perfect soul, and with him Christ reigns, according to the words: We shall come to him and make our home with him.

There should be in us a kind of spiritual paradise where God may walk and be our sole ruler with his Christ. In us the Lord will sit at the right hand of that spiritual power which we wish to receive. And he will sit there until all his enemies who are within us become his footstool, and every principality, power and virtue in us is cast out.

All this can happen in each one of us, and the last enemy, death, can be destroyed; then Christ will say in us: O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory? And so what is corruptible in us must be clothed with holiness and incorruptibility; death will be cast out, and our mortality will be clad with the Father’s immortality, so that, as God reigns in us, we may truly enjoy the blessings of rebirth and resurrection. (PG 11, 495-499)

Fr Kevin



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 24 November - CHRIST THE KING

CALENDAR

Sunday 24		OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	
	8.00	Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)	
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass	
	11.00	Sung English Mass	
Monday 25	12.15	Mass	St Catherine of Alexandria
Tuesday 26	1.05	Mass	
Wednesday 27	1.05	Mass	
Thursday 28	1.05	Mass	(St Juthwara, virgin, Martyr?)
Friday 29	1.05	Mass	
Saturday 30	1.05	Mass	ST ANDREW, Apostle
	3.00	AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION	
	4.30	Confessions	
	6.00	Vigil Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 1 December		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
	8.00	Low Mass in the Extraordinary Form	
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass	
	11.00	Sung English Mass	

CAFOD CHRISTMAS GIFT

Fisher House is joining the CAFOD Christmas Gift appeal—we want to raise £127 for a beekeeper starter kit for a family in a developing country. Buy a “bee” for £1.00: information and collection basket in the lobby outside chapel.

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 nov-

els, poetry or films that you think should be included, write them in the folder in the library, or email chaplain@fisherhouse.co.uk — donations also welcome!

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

EXPOSITION of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays at 12.30pm.

ADVENT AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION

Next Saturday afternoon will be a time of prayer and reflection in preparation for Advent, beginning at 3.00pm and concluding with Vespers and Rosary at 5.10pm.

“O COME!”

Following 6.00pm Mass next Saturday, there will be the first performance of a work for Advent specially composed by Stephen Bick, with readings for the season.

CAFOD TYPHOON HAIYAN APPEAL

The collection last week raised £1,918.07 Thank you to everyone for this magnificent sum. You can still donate via www.cafod.org.uk

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.

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

CUCA AGM

The annual general meeting of the Cambridge University Catholic Association takes place in the Fisher Room after 11.00 Mass next Sunday. You are all members of CUCA: do stay behind, to learn about the running of the Chaplaincy.

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

Bar evening, 8.00pm Wednesday.

CATHOLICISM FOR THE CURIOUS

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

AMPLEFORTH RETREAT

There will be a retreat at Ampleforth Monastery 8 to 11 December. Cost including travel £100. 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.

FAITH AND GOVERNANCE

Professor Cécile Laborde will lecture on the topic: Religious Freedom in a Secular Age on 29 November, 5.00pm, at St Edmund's College

FISHER HOUSE ON FACEBOOK

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

FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 3 December, 7.00pm CAFOD Advent Service
Thursday 5 December, 5.00pm SVP Carol Singing, Market Square

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.