

# CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY



*A Message from Fr Alban to all parents of Junior Members of Fisher House*

You will have heard that we are about to begin an extensive rebuilding project at Fisher House, beginning in April and lasting until mid-September. We've decided to seize this opportunity after the hugely successful appeal launched two and half years ago, which relieved us of the need to rent out the Hall as a market space in order to provide income for the running of the Chaplaincy. Now that the property is once again dedicated exclusively to chaplaincy use, it's clear that many parts of it serve the chaplaincy's purposes inadequately. The aim of the re-building is to give us a beautiful chapel for the liturgy, which is central to the life of the Fisher House community; to provide a much more spacious and user-friendly assembly and events room, including a large kitchen, for functions and the daily lunches open to all students throughout the term; to provide easier access for disabled students who, at present, can't ever reach the library upstairs, where most student events take place; and to improve the security of the property and safety for those using it, especially the young. It will also make access to Fisher House easier and more obvious from the street.

The total projected cost will be in the region of £550,000. We have already received generous donations towards this sum from resident members of the university and from many of you already.

I know that these are financially straitened times for everybody, especially for families, but knowing how much you value the role Fisher House plays in the lives of your children who are up at Cambridge at the moment or have been here in the past, I am sure you won't mind my appealing to your generosity by asking for help.

The smallest donation is of value to us, so please don't think that anything less than any sum you may care to mention will not help. It may also be that you know of others who would be interested in supporting this important project or who may have children who will eventually make use of Fisher House in the future. Whatever way you may be able to help us, whether by way of a personal donation or by recommending the project to others, I would be extremely grateful for your support.

Fisher House is a unique resource for all Catholic members of this great University, but it makes an especially important contribution to the spiritual and material welfare of the young. If you can, please help us to ensure it continues to thrive by supporting this important project.

With my warmest good wishes

*Fr. Alban.*