

Fruit that will last.

You didn't choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last: These weeks we have been hearing from St John's Gospel about the ways in which we are loved by Jesus with the Father's love, and the implications of that love for our everyday lives. Principal among them is that, in love, we are marked out for a particular role in the Church and in the world. That in some unique way such love will bear fruit in us, fruit which witnesses to its source.

If we stand back and think about it, this is an exciting prospect. It holds out to us the promise of things which we desire most in life: to know that we are special, to discover our purpose, to know deep down that we are loveable and worthwhile, and that our lives will be productive, meaningful, and fulfilling. On its face, it sounds too good to be true. Yet this is exactly what is held out to us by Jesus: life in Christ does not necessarily mean prosperity all of the time, but it does lead to fulfilment.

Yet the question remains: how do we access all of these things, these hallmarks of life in Christ? The first step, which is often the most difficult, is to actually open ourselves up enough to receive God's gift of love. So often we are preoccupied with the necessities of daily living, and of keeping body and soul together, that we do not readily attend to the things of the heart. Yet if we are to experience God's love in our lives, we need to be free enough to lay aside our own concerns and anxieties, and focus on him. If we only knew the gift of God, if we actually appreciated the love on offer, if we welcomed Christ in, then he is able set to work on us. The fruits of this 'yes' are as surprising as they are delightful. To my mind, one of the best descriptions of the implications of God's love for us come from a previous Jesuit Superior-General, Fr Pedro Arrupe SJ, who reminds his novices:

*Nothing is more practical than finding God,
than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way.
What you are in love with,
what seizes your imagination, will affect everything.
It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning,
what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends,
what you read, whom you know,
what breaks your heart,
and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.
Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.*

Perhaps this can be our prayer this Eastertide: that we find God in the most practical of ways, which is to discover the true implications of his love for us.

Fr Philip



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 1 MAY - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CALENDAR - TERM WEEK II

Sunday 1 May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.00 Sung Latin Mass 11.00 Sung English Mass
Monday 2	12.00 THE FISHER MASS at Great St Mary's
Tuesday 3	1.05 Mass St Philip and St James, Apostles 6.15 Mass at Magdalene College
Wednesday 4	1.05 Mass THE ENGLISH MARTYRS 12.30 <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 6.15 Mass at St Catharine's College
Thursday 5	1.05 Mass
Friday 6	1.05, 7.30 Mass
Saturday 7	1.05 Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine) 4.30—5.30 <i>Confessions</i> 6.00 Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday 8	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 9.00 Sung Latin Mass 11.00 Sung English Mass

FR MARK LANGHAM - SR ANN SWAILES OP - FR PHILIP MOLLER SJ

SO I'LL SING WITH MY VOICE!

A Celebration of American Choral Music, conducted by our very own Sam, takes place in the chapel on Saturday 7 May at 7.00pm. Free entry - donation requested for expenses.

BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON

We welcome this weekend Bishop John, a graduate of Queens' College and now auxiliary bishop in Westminster, to celebrate and preach at the 11.00am Mass next Sunday.

MARCH FOR LIFE

A coach will be headed to the Pro-Life Festival at Birmingham on Saturday May 14, cost £20/£15. Book now! Visit: bit.do/march4lifecambridge
For more details, contact Ed Smith edsmith@gmail.com, 07897194483 or Grace Langford (gl359)

LUNCH

A simple but convivial lunch is provided daily in the Fisher Room, from 1.00pm.

SR ANN'S OPEN OFFICE

Cast off the shackles of revision. Sr Ann's office is open at 3.00pm on Friday to feed your mind and body with tea and cakes.

MASS AT MAGDALENE

College Mass will take place on Tuesday at 6.15pm - please note that this is slightly earlier than was previously advertised.

OTHER COLLEGE MASSES THIS TERM

Wednesday 4 May:
St Catharine's College, followed by Formal Hall. 6.15pm
Wednesday 18 May:
Trinity College, followed by Guest Table. 7.00pm

COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

The special collection taken last week, at the request of Pope Francis, raised £260.75. Thank you for your generosity!

GRADSOC FILM NIGHT

Wednesday 4 May, Fisher Room. Time tbc. Film tbc.

KOLB FUND

Grants of up to £500 for Catholic women students at Cambridge University. Grants may be applied for the cost of books or equipment, travel (particularly if related to your studies) or medical expenses. Grants are made towards the end of Easter term, and the deadline for applications is 13 May. Please see the noticeboard for details of how to apply, or visit the Kolb Fund page on the Fisher House website.

FISHER MASS

Monday 2 May, 12 noon
Great St Mary's Church
Preacher: Most Revd
Bernard Longley,
Archbishop of
Birmingham
Academic dress to be
worn: Doctors wear
Scarlet.
*Followed by a buffet lunch
in Fisher House.*

FISHER DINNER

Tickets are now sold out for the Fisher Dinner. Payment for tickets is expected by Tuesday.

COMPLINE

This has been a very worthwhile development in the life of Fisher House. We wish to continue it, and are asking for a rota of people to lead it - please sign up on the list outside the chapel.

THE GRADUATE WOMEN'S GROUP

The Group meets every Saturday in Sister Ann's room from 11.30am. Exposition in chapel from 11.00am.

FOR YOUR DIARIES

Fisher House Garden Party. Thursday 16 June, 3.00pm, at the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, Grange Road.

ALTAR SERVERS

We need more altar servers at all Masses, both Sunday and weekday. Training given. Keudos assured. Contact Felipe on fc379.

DOMINICAN STUDY WEEK

27 June to 1 July at Buckfast Abbey, a week of Theological Investigation led by Dominican Friars and Sisters (including Sr Ann!). See Fisher Society FB page for more details.

FLAME CONFERENCE 2017

Fisher house is hoping to send a contingent to the FLAME conference on 11th March 2017 (in the Wembley arena). Details are on the CYMFED website at cymfed.org.uk/flame2017/. If you are interested, do sign up on the sheet outside the chapel (just to indicate interest and to receive updates, confirmation of attendance later on). Estimated cost is £18 + transport (to be confirmed at a later date). Questions may be directed to Justin Ng (yhjn2).

SVP

Reaching out to the homeless and marginalised in Cambridge. Meeting in the Fisher Room, Friday 6.00pm

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

£455.32

Thank you!