

GETTING STUCK IN

This past week, we celebrated Handover Hall, an evening of much hilarity preceded by a good amount of hard work. We gathered at 6.00pm in the Great Chamber, members of the outgoing and incoming committees, to elect officers. What struck me at once was how crowded it was - not that I was concerned over the size of the Chamber. After all, we are all used to Ryanair these days. My reflection was just how many young people want to get involved in the life of the chaplaincy; there are twenty new committee members, the maximum permissible. For all these young people, their faith matters and their contribution to it matters. They have absorbed the truth that the Church is not a passive flock but one in which everyone contributes, suggests, shares the work. That is a very Catholic thing.

The other thing that struck me was how varied our new committee is - a wonderful array of experiences from many parts of the globe, from Italy to Singapore, from Hungary to Holland, which will enrich our chaplaincy life both in worship and in outreach.

After our solemn photograph for the records, the silly hats and wigs went around, and an informal picture was taken of the sort that will never be hung in any self-respecting establishment. This, too, made me reflect how much fun these students are, knowing when to be serious, and when to cast aside the formality. This shows how much they reflect in their faith the joy that Pope Francis sees essential to a true follower of the good news.

Congratulations to the members of the new Fisher Committee, to Damian our new Chairman and Theresa his Vice-Chairman. I know great things are going to happen this year. Watch this space!
Fr Mark

We are reminding you this weekend that Fisher House depends in a large part on your generosity - and you are generous. Try to think of giving each week the price of a pint of beer/large glass of wine; or better still, fill out a planned giving form.



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 12 February: 6th Sunday of the Year

CALENDAR: WEEK IV OF TERM

Sunday 12 February	6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.00 Sung Latin Mass 11.00 Sung English Mass
Monday 13	2.30 Funeral Mass for David Isaac (no 12.30 Mass)
Tuesday 14	1.05 Mass <i>Sts Cyril and Methodius</i>
Wednesday 15	1.05 Mass <i>12.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Thursday 16	1.05 Mass
Friday 17	1.05 Mass <i>Seven Holy Founders</i> 7.30 Compline <i>of the Servite Order</i>
Saturday 18	1.05 Mass (EF) 4.30 - 5.30 Confessions 6.00 Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday 19	7th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.00 Sung Latin Mass 11.00 Sung English Mass

THIS WEEKEND

we welcome Fr Euan Marley OP, the Prior of Blackfriars, to preach at 11.00am Mass.

CATHOLICISM FOR THE CURIOUS

Because of the funeral of David Isaac, there will be no *Catholicism for the Curious* on Monday.

DAVID ISAAC

David's funeral will be at 2.30pm on Monday 13 February at Fisher House.

PRAYER COMMUNITIES

Small groups of students meet to pray, socialize, and support each other in faith. Prayer community meetings involve little commitment, and are held once every 2 weeks. Contact your college rep or Justin (yhjn2).

LEARN ITALIAN IN THE SUMMER

A Fisher House alumnus is offering a summer camp experience, in Reggio Calabria, for a group of about 10 students from Fisher House to learn Italian and experience Italian culture (and cooking!). Please contact Fr Mark (ml709) if interested.

LUNCH

is available Monday to Friday in the Fisher Room, priced only £2.50.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

For young parents—the Diocese of East Anglia is responding to the Government's new initiatives on Faith Schools. Next week we will include information about what is happening, and how you can get involved.

INTERFAITH NEWS

The next 'Scriptural Reasoning' session will be on Tuesday 21 February, from 6.30 - 8.00pm. This coming week is also 'Explore Islam' week: contact Krzysztof on kpz20 for more information on either event.

MASS AT PEMBROKE

Mass will be celebrated at Pembroke College on Thursday, at 6.30pm, followed by a reception.

COLLEGE MASSES

Tues. 21 Feb St Edmunds
Tues. 7 Mar Robinson
Wed. 8 Mar Queens'

- please watch the notice board for more details.

SAINTS AND SCONES

Every Sunday afternoon, at 4.30pm in her office, Sr Ann discusses the life of a saint over a traditional cream tea.

FRIDAY COMPLINE

At 7.30pm, a relaxed and quiet half hour, with a meditation. If you are a singer or musician contact Fr Mark or Sr Ann.

PALM BRANCHES

Over the coming weeks, we are asking you to bring in your palm branches. These will be burned for the ash that we will use on Ash Wednesday.

DANTE CIRCLE

The Circle meetings next Wednesday at 5.30pm in the Great Chamber, to discuss *Paradiso* 2, *Purgatorio* 17 and 18, and *Inferno* 26. All welcome. Texts provided.

GRADSOC: THEOLOGY ON TAP

Come to the Fisher Room on Wednesday at 7.30pm, where Dr Christian Sahner will lead a discussion. Over a pint of beer, naturally.

SR ANN'S OPEN OFFICE

Drop in for tea, cake, conversation. Friday afternoons, anytime between 3.00pm and 5.00pm.

PREDICATORIAL PEREGRINATIONS

Fr Philip will preach this evening in St John's College. Fr Mark will preach next Sunday at Magdalene College.

OXFORD/CAMBRIDGE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

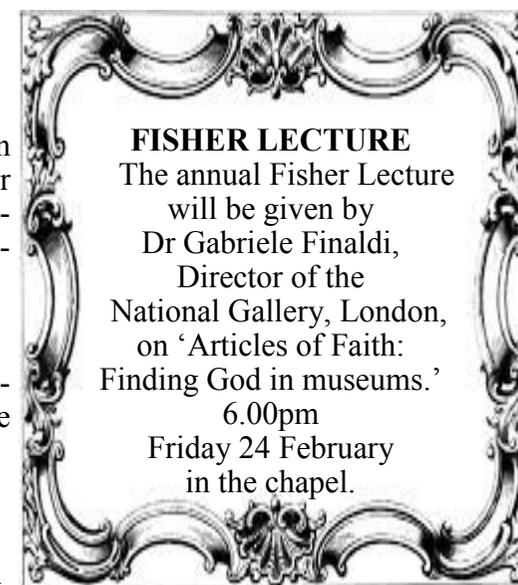
22-29 July. Bursaries are available. There will be an information evening (with Pizza) on Thurs. 23 February.

FOOTBALLING HONOUR

For two years, the More/Fisher trophy has adorned the Black Swan bar. Now the Oxford chaplaincy wants it back. You can stop them: sign up for the Fisher House football team outside the chapel.

BOOK SALE

On Sunday 26 February, after 11.00 Mass, in the Fisher Room. Proceeds to HCPT.



FISHER LECTURE

The annual Fisher Lecture will be given by Dr Gabriele Finaldi, Director of the National Gallery, London, on 'Articles of Faith: Finding God in museums.'
6.00pm
Friday 24 February
in the chapel.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

For couples preparing for marriage, pastoral preparation is obligatory. There will be a one-day course on Saturday 18 February.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

£443.45

Thank you!