

BEYOND THE YEAR OF MERCY

At this time of the year, the dark closes in early in the evening, and we sense that Christmas approaches sooner than we will know. With the coming of Advent we have a time to look back: what good things have we experienced in the year that has been? Whom have we met that has enriched our lives? Where have I been? What have I learnt? Very soon, it will be the Solemnity of Christ the King, which ends the Church's liturgical year, and with it comes the chance to take stock of the year that has been.

This year, Christ the King marks the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. This year has offered us a special opportunity and a particular challenge. We have been asked to open our hearts to the Lord, and to seek change in those areas of our lives which need fixing. We have been called to open our eyes to those in need who walk our streets, and to seek his face in those who are unlike us, especially the less fortunate.

In the Jewish tradition, a Jubilee was to happen every fifty years; a chance for the forgiveness of debt and a fresh start. In the Christian world, Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first Christian jubilee in the year 1300, for the purpose of reconciling sinners and those who were estranged.

A strong symbol of a jubilee year is the holy door. St. Peter's Basilica has a special door that is closed off except in jubilee years. This year, churches around the world—from Bangui in the Central African Republic to a modest tent in Erbil, Iraq—designated a holy door as a reminder that this is a privileged time for reconciliation, for setting things right, for entering a sacred space. This year, the Chaplaincy has been on pilgrimage to Walsingham, to pray for the Church and for the world, and especially for our community here at Fisher House.

Even though the Jubilee year of mercy is drawing to a close, let us take to heart that it was not simply for a season: mercy is a disposition and a way of life which we as Catholics must take with us wherever we go. Let us pray that we will be people who are merciful, and known always to be so.

Fr Philip



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 13 November: 33rd Sunday of the Year

CALENDAR: WEEK VI OF TERM

Sunday 13		31st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass (Requiem)	
	11.00	Sung English Mass	
Monday 14	12.30	Mass	
	6.30	Gilbey Requiem	
Tuesday 15	1.05	Mass	St Albert the Great
Wednesday 16	1.05	Mass	St Edmund of Abingdon
	12.30	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Thursday 17	1.05	Mass	St Hilda, St Hugh
Friday 18	1.05	Mass	
	7.30	Compline: Way of Mercy	
Saturday 19	1.05	Mass (EF)	
	4.30 - 5.30	<i>Confessions</i>	
	6.00	Vigil Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 20		CHRIST THE KING	
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass	
	11.00	Sung English Mass	

MONS. MARK LANGHAM : SR ANN SWAILES OP : FR PHILIP MOLLER SJ

CATHOLICISM FOR THE CURIOUS

A short talk on varied aspects of the Catholic faith, over lunch. Monday, 1.15pm. This week, *Can Catholics celebrate Martin Luther?*

SVP GIVING TREE

As usual, the SVP has set up a Christmas giving tree, outside the chapel. Simply take a pair of tags in the price range you wish, buy the gift it suggests and place one on the tree and one on the gift.

DANTE CIRCLE

The group will meet on Wednesday 16 November at 5.30pm in the Great Chamber to discuss *'Dante and the Church'*. Texts and translations will be provided, and no knowledge of Italian is necessary.

PRAYER COMMUNITIES

The Fisher society is starting start a new initiative, "Prayer Communities" - small groups of students meeting to pray, socialize, and support each other in faith. Prayer community meetings will involve little commitment (so don't feel as if you can't join if you have many other commitments), and will be held once every 2 weeks. Sign up outside the chapel, or contact your college rep or Justin

GILBEY REQUIEM

The annual requiem for Monsignor Gilbey will take place on Monday 14 November at 6.30pm, and will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

HCPT BLACK-TIE CHARITY DINNER

An unprecedented opportunity to dine in the exquisite Fisher House Library! Saturday 19 November: 7.00pm Drinks reception, 7.30pm 5-course dinner and wine. £30. To reserve your ticket, log on to <https://goo.gl/forms/ArOxgvdz2vDWchJj2> or contact Michael Loy (mpal2).

CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY INTERSHIPS

The Bishops' Conference is offering nine internships in Parliamentary, Media and Communications, and Social Action posts. The interns are selected on the basis of ability and potential to gain most from the experience. It is a wonderful opportunity, and in recent years several students from Fisher House have made successful applications. See the poster outside the chapel, or go online to www.faithinpolitics.org.uk. The deadline for applications is 10 February.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Fisher Society Christmas Party will take place in the Library and



FRIDAY COMPLINE

This week, to mark the end of the year of mercy, there will be a special 'Way of Mercy' led by Sr Ann at 7.30pm on Friday in the chapel.

IGNATIAN PRAYER

An opportunity to integrate Ignatian prayer into daily life, under the spiritual guidance of Fr Philip. The group meets every two weeks. Contact Fr Philip (pjm214) or see the notice board.

CUCA AGM

The AGM of the Cambridge University Catholic Association will be held on Sunday 27 November at 12.15. Please come along to hear of the work CUCA is doing for you. We need to be quorate, so we would appreciate a good turn out!

CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

Heart's Home is a series of international houses for young people, working with disadvantages and isolated people, especially children. There will be a presentation about their work on Thursday 24 November at 7.30pm in the Fisher Room.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

A book for you to record the names of your dear and loved ones will be available throughout November. Those recorded will be remembered at Masses this month.

MASS AT ROBINSON

will be celebrated at 6.30pm on Tuesday 15 November.

GRADSOC

The Catholic Graduate Society meets on Wednesday at 8.00pm, when Dr Amy Daughton will speak on the 'Theology of Civic Life.' The Bar will be open.

HOMELESSNESS OVER CHRISTMAS

If you can help with the *Churches Together in Cambridge* initiative to help homeless during the winter months, please sign the form outside the chapel.

EVENSONG AT QUEENS'

Fr Mark will be preaching at Queen's next Sunday on 'The Blessed Virgin and Devotion to our Lady.'

SVP CAROLS

We will be singing on Friday 2 December, followed by a festive bar night!

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

£336.87

Thank you!