

## THE ANNUNCIATION AND THE PASSION by John Donne

TAMELY, frail body, abstain to-day ; to-day  
My soul eats twice, Christ hither and away.  
She sees Him man, so like God made in this,  
That of them both a circle emblem is,  
Whose first and last concur ; this doubtful day  
Of feast or fast, Christ came, and went away ;  
She sees Him nothing, twice at once, who's all ;  
She sees a cedar plant itself, and fall ;  
Her Maker put to making, and the head  
Of life at once not yet alive, yet dead ;  
She sees at once the Virgin Mother stay  
Reclused at home, public at Golgotha ;  
Sad and rejoiced she's seen at once, and seen  
At almost fifty, and at scarce fifteen ;  
At once a son is promised her, and gone ;  
Gabriell gives Christ to her, He her to John ;  
Not fully a mother, she's in orbity ;  
At once receiver and the legacy.  
All this, and all between, this day hath shown,  
Th' abridgement of Christ's story, which makes one—  
As in plain maps, the furthest west is east—  
Of th' angels *Ave*, and *Consummatum est*.  
How well the Church, God's Court of Faculties,  
Deals, in sometimes, and seldom joining these.  
As by the self-fix'd Pole we never do  
Direct our course, but the next star thereto,  
Which shows where th'other is, and which we say  
—Because it strays not far—doth never stray,  
So God by His Church, nearest to him, we know,  
And stand firm, if we by her motion go.  
His Spirit, as His fiery pillar, doth  
Lead, and His Church, as cloud ; to one end both.  
This Church by letting those days join, hath shown  
Death and conception in mankind is one ;  
Or 'twas in Him the same humility,  
That He would be a man, and leave to be ;  
Or as creation He hath made, as God,  
With the last judgment but one period,  
His imitating spouse would join in one  
Manhood's extremes ; He shall come, He is gone ;  
Or as though one blood drop, which thence did fall,  
Accepted, would have served, He yet shed all,  
So though the least of His pains, deeds, or words,  
Would busy a life, she all this day affords.  
This treasure then, in gross, my soul, uplay,  
And in my life retail it every day.



## FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 13 March - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### CALENDAR

Sunday 13	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (PASSION SUNDAY)
	9.00am Sung Latin Mass
	11.00am Sung English Mass
Monday 14	1.05pm NO MASS - <i>Pilgrimage to Walsingham</i>
Tuesday 15	1.05pm Mass
Wednesday 16	1.05pm Mass
	12.30pm <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Thursday 17	1.05pm Mass St Patrick
Friday 18	1.05pm NO MASS - <i>floor polishing in chapel</i>
Saturday 19	1.05 Mass
	4.30—5.30 <i>Confessions</i>
	<i>No Vigil Mass</i>
Sunday 20	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
	10.15 Mass ( <i>Gather in Fisher Square</i> )

## **SAFEGUARDING**

If you have received a form asking for references, please complete it this week and return it to Fr Mark.

On Monday 18 April, the Diocesan Safeguarding officers will be at Fisher House to process all application forms for Police checks. Please sign up for a time.

## **CAFOD LENT APPEAL**

Our Lenten appeal supports CAFOD in seeking to provide water to communities in Africa without it. There is a collection basket outside the chapel.

## **HOW TO EVANGELISE**

On Tuesday 15 March at 6:15pm at Blackfriars, there will be Vespers followed by a talk from Fr Nick Crowe on the theme 'How to evangelise.' The event will conclude with a Buffet.

## **ASIA BIBI**

A Pakistani Christian woman sentenced to death—the Vatican has intervened in her case. A free DVD is available outside the chapel, describing her case.

## **FRUGAL FRIDAY**

A cookbook produced at Fisher House, containing dozens of easy and imaginative recipes. On sale after Mass at £7 (includes £1 donation to CAFOD's Lent charity). Cheques to CUCA (nb).

## **OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

Dates: 23rd- 30th July 2016. Interested in going to Lourdes to work as a volunteer? For any students who would like to join us this summer for our 53rd year of pilgrimage to Lourdes, please get in touch with any further questions. Current students and alumni welcome! We will start to finalise arrangements towards the end of April. Student bursaries are available. Email: Gerard Martin on gjm45.

## **PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**

Please be at Fisher House by 8.45am on Monday. The Coach leaves from Downing Street at 9.00pm sharp. We should be back to Cambridge by about 6.30pm. Please have £10 ready. Lunch will cost £6.

## **GRADSOC TRIP: NORWICH**

A church for every week of the year; a pub for every day. See for yourself if it is true! Saturday 19 March. Meet at the Station 10.30.

## **ARC UK**

Would you like to act as a tour guide in a European Cathedral during the summer? See the notice outside the chapel, or visit [www.encounterarc.org.uk](http://www.encounterarc.org.uk)

**COLLECTION LAST WEEK**

**£417.40**

*Thank you!*

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

Sunday 20	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <i>Gather 10.15am in Fisher Square for blessing of palms.</i>
Monday 21	Mass 1.05pm
Tuesday 22	NO MASS (Chrism Mass at Cathedral)
Wednesday 23	Mass 1.05pm
Thursday 24 7.00pm	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight.
Friday 25 8.30am 3.00pm 6.00pm	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <i>Tenebrae at Blackfriars</i> Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion Evening Meditation
Saturday 26 8.30am 4.00pm	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> <i>Tenebrae at Blackfriars</i> Confessions
Sunday 27 5.00am	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> The Easter Vigil <i>Followed by breakfast</i> ** Clocks go forward during the night.

In 1609 Good Friday fell on 25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation, which prompted John Donne to write the poem *Upon the Annunciation and the Passion Falling upon One day*.

The same coincidence of dates happened in 2005, and will happen this year, and then it won't happen again for the rest of the century. This may be the last chance to use this poem in our lifetime, and if in the meantime we agree a common date of Easter, it may never happen again. So read it on the back page!