

# Grow in Mystery

This Sunday's gospel offers us an opportunity to reflect on how the kingdom of God is cultivated in our lives. Jesus speaks about the Kingdom in parables, comparing it to the life cycle of a plant. Once a seed is sown in the land, it begins to sprout and grow. But the man who plants the seed cannot account for each stage of its growth. Our own lives are similarly mysterious: although we allow the seeds of faith to be planted and watered through prayer, sacraments, and charitable activity, we cannot see every step of the process that God is working in our hearts. Therefore, like the farmer, we must be patient through the various seasons of our lives. It can be tempting to believe that if we just work hard enough, we can achieve a good life or even our own salvation; Jesus' words remind us that although we must participate in planting the seeds of faith in our life, ultimately it is also God's work, His grace poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. We must trust that he will guide our hearts over time, cultivating even our smallest seeds of faith to become eventually "the biggest shrub of them all."

Similarly, Fr. Teilhard de Chardin once wrote, "Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new. And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—and that it may take a very long time. And so I think it is with you; your ideas mature gradually—let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste. Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow. Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete."

*Ryan*



## FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday June 14th - 21st

### CALENDAR

Sunday 14	<b>11th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>
	9.00am Sung Latin Mass
	11.00am Sung English Mass
Monday 15	1.05 pm Mass
Tuesday 16	1.05 pm Mass
Wednesday 17	1.05pm Mass
Thursday 18	1.05pm Mass
Friday 19	1.05pm Mass
Saturday 20	1.05pm Mass
Sunday 21	<b>12th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>
	10.30am Mass in English.

## **SENIOR MEMBERS' PARTY**

When the mice are away ... a party for senior members will be held in the early evening of Thursday 2 July, venue TBC. If you are a senior (ie non-student) member of Fisher House and are not on the mailing list, please let Fr Mark know!

## **ART EXHIBITS**

If you have not yet collected your artwork, please come to Fisher House dining room during the week, where it is available. All uncollected art will be incinerated.

## **COLLEGE REPS**

If you are an outgoing college rep and have not indicated so on the sheet at the noticeboards please do. Suggestions for your successor would be appreciated. If you are willing to become a college rep for next year then please also fill in the sheet including your email.

## **VACATION MASS TIMETABLE**

From Monday 15 June, weekday Masses will be at 1.05 (including Monday). There will be no exposition on Wednesdays. From Sunday 21 June, Sunday Mass will be at 10.30am. There will be no 6.00pm Vigil Mass. Confessions remain at 4.30pm on Saturday. Owing to some other commitments, this schedule may have to change occasionally during the summer - apologies in advance.

## **RYAN**

Ryan will be with us at Fisher House until mid-July. He wishes to express heartfelt gratitude for the welcome he received this year. To stay in touch: [ryanchritopherday@gmail.com](mailto:ryanchritopherday@gmail.com)

## **BECKY BENNION**

Heartfelt congratulations to Becky today as she is received into the Catholic Church. We assure Becky of our prayers for the future.

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

*Collection last week: £*  
Thank you!

## **FISHER HOUSE GARDEN PARTY**

On Thursday 18 June, at 3.00pm in the Garden of the Margaret Beaufort Institute, 12-14 Grange Road. Dust off those boaters and jackets, and let the Pimms flow!

## **FR BRUNO'S ULTRA MARATHON**

Fr Bruno runs his ultramarathon on Saturday 27 June. Details of how to give, together with a great number of running-related biblical quotations are on his webpage: [www.justgiving.com/BrunoCliftonOP](http://www.justgiving.com/BrunoCliftonOP)

## **LIBRARY BOOKS**

You should by now have returned your library books, but if not, please do so as soon as possible!

## **STAYING IN TOUCH**

If you are finishing your time in Cambridge, we would like to stay in touch. Please fill in one of the blue 'Keep In Contact' forms outside the chapel - and it would be helpful if you could send to [cuca@fisherhouse.org.uk](mailto:cuca@fisherhouse.org.uk) a contact email that will be current whatever your situation or location?

## **NEW CHAPLAIN**

We are delighted that in the next academic year, Fr Philip Moller SJ, from Sydney, Australia, will be coming to live in Fisher House to serve alongside Sr Ann and Fr Mark. Fr Philip will arrive in late September to start a PhD, and will be attached to St John's College.

Fr Mark, Sr Ann and Ryan all wish you a happy and blessed vacation time. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you for the many ways you contribute to the life of Fisher House.