

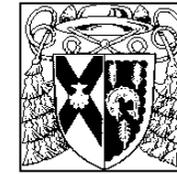
CALLED TO BE SAINTS

This week, the Church invites us to celebrate one of our newest saints, John Paul II, canonized, along with his predecessor-but-two as Pope, John XXIII, in April of this year. In his Canonization homily, Pope Francis spoke movingly of their example:

John XXIII and John Paul II were not afraid to look upon the wounds of Jesus, to touch his torn hands and his pierced side. They were not ashamed of the flesh of Christ, they were not scandalized by him, by his cross; they did not despise the flesh of their brother because they saw Jesus in every person who suffers and struggles. These were two men of courage, filled with the boldness of the Holy Spirit, and they bore witness before the Church and the world to God's goodness and mercy. They were priests, bishops and popes of the twentieth century. They lived through the tragic events of that century, but they were not overwhelmed by them. For them, God was more powerful. In these two men, who looked upon the wounds of Christ and bore witness to his mercy, there dwelt a living hope and an indescribable and glorious joy.

But the canonization of these two men, who are not figures from the dim and distant past, but very much within living memory, also reminds us that saints do not belong safely in stained glass windows or in Medieval manuscripts. As Pope Francis pointed out in his homily, it is the saints who give direction and growth to the Church, in all times and all places. And, as the Second Vatican Council, convened by St John XXIII, insists, we are all called to holiness, all called to be saints. What this means will be different for each one of us, since becoming a saint, becoming holy, means nothing other than becoming whole, wholly the unique beloved son or daughter God intends each of us to be. This may be a daunting thought, but St John Paul assures us it does not have to be a threatening one: *We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son.*

Sr Ann



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 19 October - 29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

CALENDAR

Sunday 19	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
	8.00	Low Mass in the Extraordinary Form	
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass	
	11.00	Sung English Mass	
Monday 20	12.30	Mass	
Tuesday 21	1.05	Mass	
Wednesday 22	1.05	Mass	St John Paul II, Pope
	12.30	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Thursday 23	1.05	Mass	St John of Capistrano
Friday 24	1.05	Mass	St Anthony Mary Claret
	6.30 (nb)	Mass at Trinity College	
Saturday 25	1.05	Mass	
	4.30—5.30	<i>Confessions</i>	
	6.00	Vigil Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 26	THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
	8.00	Low Mass in the Extraordinary Form	
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass	
	11.00	Sung English Mass cel: Bishop Alan Hopes	

FACEBOOK

Keep up to date with announcements on the Fisher Society Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/fishersociety/

FISHER HOUSE LIBRARY

There is now a Catholic Fiction section of the library—do explore! The library is open whenever Fisher House is open, and all undergraduate and graduate students are welcome.

WEBSITE

Check out the new Fisher House website, and its many sections! We hope to expand it further during the coming months.

www.srcf.ucam.org/fisherhouse

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

We need to re-establish a rota to count the Sunday collection every week—including during vacation. This can be done at any time from Sunday afternoon to Tuesday. If you can help, please write your name and email address on the list on the notice board, or contact Fr Mark.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Meets every Friday (*nb* change of time) at 6.30pm in the Fisher Room, helping those in Cambridge less fortunate than ourselves. Contact Fiona Doherty (ftd21)

FRESHERS' LUNCH

Lunch, lovingly cooked by members of the Fisher Society, is available after 11.00am Mass today. Free for Freshers; all others £2.

GRADUATE SOCIETY

Michael Noakes, the celebrated portrait painter who numbers the Queen, Pope Benedict, President Clinton and Mrs Thatcher among his sitters, will speak to the Graduate Society on Wednesday at 6.00pm. All Graduates welcome. For more information contact Hugh Burling (hdpb2).

CATHOLICISM FOR THE CURIOUS

A series of talks over lunch on Mondays, given by Fr Mark in the Fisher Room at 1.15, on a range of topics to do with Catholicism. This week: *What does the Catholic Church say about the Catholic Church?*

TRINITY COLLEGE MASS

This Friday, 24 October, at 6.30pm. The celebrant is that noted member of Trinity, Fr Kevin. All are welcome - this will take the place of the usual 7.30pm Mass at Fisher House. If you wish to attend Formal Hall afterwards contact Xavier Bisits (xisb2).

EPISCOPAL VISITATION!

Next Sunday, the 11.00am Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan Hopes, our local Bishop in East Anglia. There will be a chance to meet the Bishop over coffee/wine after Mass in the Fisher Room.

SPIRITUAL READING GROUP

Meets on Thursday for Vespers at 6.30pm in the chapel, and then in Sr Ann's room to discuss a spiritual classic over wine.

REGISTRATION FORM

If you are new to Fisher House, in any capacity, please fill in the a registration form outside the chapel, and leave it in the box, give it to a chaplain, or post it through the letter box.

SAINTS AND SINNERS

Get your thinking caps on (and your needles and scissors out) for the annual Saints and Sinners party. Come in costume as your favourite Saint (or sinner!). Friday 31 October, 8.30pm in the Fisher Room.

APOLOGETICS GROUP

Meeting in the Library on Saturday at 7.00pm, the Group will this term study St Augustine's *Confessions*. For more information contact Hania Wyciszczok (hmw56).

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

A course of marriage preparation will begin at Fisher House on Tuesday 28 October. Please contact Fr Mark (ml709) if you are interested in taking part.

ENGLISH MASS CHOIR

Singing at the 11.00 Mass on Sundays, with a practice on Sunday mornings at 10.00. New members always welcome. Contact Stephen Bick (sb982)

SCHOLA CANTORUM

Providing Gregorian chant and polyphony for the 9.00 Latin Mass each Sunday. New members always welcome. Contact Jonathan Schranz (js2041)

FRIDAY NIGHT CHOIR

If you are a singer or instrumentalist and would like to help in the Friday evening Mass, please contact Stephen Bick (sb982).

COLLEGE MASSES

Queens' 29 October 6.15pm
Clare 3 November 6.00pm
Robinson 18 November 6.30pm
Selwyn 27 November 6.30pm

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

£438.54