

# HOLY MARTYRS OF DOUAI

**O**n Saturday next, we keep the feast of the Holy Martyrs of Douai, men who trained for the priesthood at Douai College in France during the English Reformation and were executed on their return to England for preaching the Catholic faith. Operating as a Roman Catholic priest during the Protestant Reformation was considered high treason, with a punishment of being hanged, drawn and quartered. In total, 158 members of Douai College were martyred between the years 1577 and 1680, including St Robert Southwell (whose body lies enshrined in Westminster Cathedral), St Edmund Campion, and our own Cambridge martyr, St Luke Kirby.

Douai was a powerhouse of English Catholicism in exile; many of its professors were Oxford or Cambridge men, and it attracted a stream of impressive and eager young students. Between 1582 and 1610, a translation of the Bible was produced at the College - a corrective to those who think Catholics were hostile to reading the Bible in the vernacular. It is likely that the Scholars who translated the protestant King James Version in England at the same time had the Douai translation in front of them.

Douai College is long gone. A traffic roundabout covers the site of its chapel; its high altar is preserved, though, in a side chapel of the local church. But its tradition is preserved, firstly, in Allen Hall seminary in Chelsea, a direct descendant of the Douai College, and in the witness of so many faithful Catholics, lay and ordained, today in the difficult times we find ourselves in. They did not take their faith for granted—neither must we.

*Fr Mark*



## FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 23 October: 30th Sunday of the Year

### CALENDAR: WEEK III OF TERM

Sunday 23	<b>30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>		
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass	
	11.00	Sung English Mass	
		<i>cel. Bishop John Arnold, Bishop of Salford</i>	
Monday 24	12.30	Mass	
Tuesday 25	1.05	Mass	
Wednesday 26	1.05	Mass	
	12.30	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Thursday 27	1.05	Mass	
Friday 28	1.05	Mass	St Simon and St Jude
	7.30	Compline	
Saturday 29	1.05	Mass (EF)	Martyrs of Douai
	4.30 - 5.30	<i>Confessions</i>	
	6.00	Vigil Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 30	<b>31st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>		
	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

There will be no talk this week. On Monday 24th, Fr Mark will speak on what Catholics should do about Guy Fawkes.

## LUNCH

is available each weekday in the Fisher Room, price £2.50

## 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.

## CHILDRENS' LITURGY

We need helpers with the Children's liturgy at the 11.00am Mass during term time. We usually work in teams of three. All materials provided. Please sign up outside the chapel.

## 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 (yhjn2).

## SOUTHERN CHAPLAINCIES' PILGRIMAGE

On Saturday 29 Oct, over 200 Catholic students will come to Cambridge, to learn about St John Fisher, and to visit the city. They arrive at 11.00am, and leave at 4.00pm. It would be good to have some students here to greet and guide them - please sign the list if you can help.

## MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Ministers will be commissioned, or recommissioned, at all Masses next Sunday. There will be a training session for Ministers on Saturday 5 November at 3.00pm/

## SR ANN'S OPEN OFFICE

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



## MASS AT CLARE COLLEGE

There will be Mass at 6.15pm at Clare on Monday.

## MASS AT CHRIST'S COLLEGE

Monday 31 October at 6.30pm

## MEDICAL ETHICS

On Saturday at 3.00pm in the Great Chamber, Dr Robert Hardie will speak on Catholic medical ethics. Any Catholic medics are welcome

## SAINTS AND SINNERS



Polish up your haloes, and burnish your tridents! It's time for the annual Saints and Sinners Party, on

Friday 28th October at 8.30pm in the Fisher Room. The Black Swan Bar will be open. A prize will be awarded for the best saint (or sinner).



## PROF. RICHARD REX

will be delivering an address on *St John Fisher and Erasmus* at Evensong in Queens' College this evening, at 6.00pm

## FISHER SOCIETY

### FACEBOOK GROUP



Make sure you join the Fisher Society group on Facebook, to get up-to-the minute news about

events.

**NOTE:** The Fisher House website is temporarily down, and being repaired. Make sure you follow the Facebook group page for news from the chaplaincy.

## FISHER BITES

On Thursday, at 8.00pm in the Fisher Room, Dr Christian Sahner will speak on 'How the Catholic Church thinks about Islam.' All are welcome.

## PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

The Chaplaincy will travel to Rome 5 - 11 December, staying centrally and visiting many of the historic and religious sites. The trip includes a Papal audience, visit to the tomb of St Peter under the basilica, Mass in St Ignatius' rooms and St Dominic's rooms, a visit to the Curia. Cost £499, and full details are available in the leaflets outside the chapel.

NB Female students may apply for help with funding through the Kolb Fund. Speak to Fr Mark.

## SANT'EGIDIO COMMUNITY

Fisher House has been asked to be involved in a new Cambridge initiative by the Sant'Egidio Community—beloved of Popes and famed as a mediator in conflict zones. Come to Clare College at 4.00pm on Sunday 30 October to the Latimer Room to meet Monica Attias, one of the leading figures in the community.

**COLLECTION LAST WEEK**

**£335.44**

Thank you!