

## IN THE NAME OF LOVE

*“Love is the most eminent commandment, for love unites us with the object of our love in a stronger way than faith and hope. The latter imply a greater distance between us and what is believed or hoped for. But through love our likeness to God is growing.” -Allan Fitzgerald, OSA*

**T**his weekend in our readings we heard Jesus’ double love commandment, that we should love our God with all of our heart and soul and our neighbor as we love ourselves. This commandment is a user’s guide for the entire Christian life. Here is a glance:

Study. Interested in learning to read, understand, and appreciate Scripture? Try out Augustine’s claim: “Not only do I believe that on these two commandments depend the whole law and the prophets, but I have also experienced, and I still experience every day, that not a single mystery or obscure word of Holy Scripture becomes clear for me, unless I meet with these two commandments.” In short, learning Christianity means learning to love. The double commandment of love is the beginning of learning our faith.

Falling in Love. But how about our relationships with God and each other? This is perhaps most well expressed in a prayer of Pedro Arrupe, SJ. He thinks the consequences of love for relationships look like this: “Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.”

Concrete Action. Finally, however, Pope Francis gives us the ultimate reminder that learning to love means getting to work: “[The love of God] of is not the love of soap operas! No, it is something else. Christian love has a particular quality: concreteness. Christian love is concrete. Jesus Himself, when He speaks of love, speaks to us about concrete things: feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, and many concrete things. Love is concrete. . . . And when this concreteness is not there, you can live a Christianity of illusions, because you don’t understand where the centre of Jesus’ message is. This love does not arrive at concrete being: it is a love of illusions, like the illusions the disciples had when, looking at Jesus, they thought He was a ghost.”

Fr Kevin



## FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 26 October - 30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

### CALENDAR

Sunday 26	<b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>		
	8.00	Low Mass in the Extraordinary Form	
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass	
	11.00	Sung English Mass <i>cel</i> : Bishop Alan Hopes	
Monday 27	12.30	Mass	
Tuesday 28	1.05	Mass	Sts Simon and Jude
Wednesday 29	1.05	Mass	Blessed Martyrs of Douai College
	12.30	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Thursday 30	1.05	Mass	
Friday 31	1.05	Mass	
	7.30	Mass (& ‘Crumbs’)	
Saturday 1	1.05	Mass	
November	4.30—5.30	<i>Confessions</i>	
	6.00	Vigil Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 2	<b>SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS</b>		
	8.00	Missa Cantata in the Extraordinary Form	
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass	

### FISHER FAMILIES

A new group for those with bumps, babies and little children, meeting on Mondays from 3.00pm - 4.30pm in Sr Ann's room. Meet other Catholic families, eat cake, and bring along something to play with or read together. Contact Irenka Lennon (wmis2)

### FACEBOOK & WEBSITE

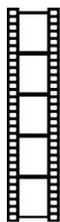
Keep up to date with the Fisher Society Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/groups/fishersociety/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/fishersociety/) - and check out the new Fisher House website, with its useful calendar of events [www.srcf.ucam.org/fisherhouse](http://www.srcf.ucam.org/fisherhouse)

### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Meets every Friday (*nb* change of time) at 6.00pm in the Fisher Room, helping those in Cambridge less fortunate than ourselves. Contact Fiona Doherty (ftd21).

### MOVIENIGHT

Next Sunday, *Shadowlands*, the moving story of how C.S. Lewis' faith was affected by the death of his wife, . 8.00pm Fisher Room. Popcorn provided.



### FISHER BITES

On 4 November, Prof. Nicholas Boyle will talk on Faust. Library, 8.00pm. Wine provided.

### MEDICAL ETHICS GROUP

The first meeting of this group will take place on Monday 27 October at 7.00pm in the Fisher House library. For details contact Basia Chmielewska (bjmc2)

### 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 Purgatory?*

### MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

A book of remembrance will be left outside the chapel for you to record names of those you wish prayed for during November. They will be remembered at Mass.

### MISSA CANTATA

The Extraordinary Form Mass next Sunday will be a Missa Canta for the feast of All Saints.

### ALTAR SERVERS

If you would like to serve at Sunday or weekday Mass, please sign up outside the chapel or contact Natalia Deja (nad35) or James Munro (jpm82).

### QUEENS' COLLEGE MASS

Fr Kevin will celebrate Mass in Queens' at 6.15 on Wednesday.

### SAINTS AND SINNERS



Get your thinking caps on (and your needles out) for the annual Saints and Sinners party.

Come in costume as your favourite Saint (or sinner!).

Friday 31 October, 8.30pm in the Black Swan bar in the Fisher Room. There will be a prize for the best costume.



### 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) or Max Nussbaumer (mn406)

### 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.

### GILBEY REQUIEM

The annual requiem for Mgr Gilbey will be celebrated on Monday 17 November at 6.30pm.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

A course of marriage preparation will begin at Fisher House on Tuesday 11 November—note change of date. 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

Clare 3 November 6.00pm  
Robinson 18 November 6.30pm  
Selwyn 27 November 6.30pm

### COLLECTION LAST WEEK

£456.76

*Thank you!*