



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 26th April - 4th Sunday of Easter

CALENDAR

Sunday 26	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.00am Sung Latin Mass 11.00am Sung English Mass
Monday 27	12.30pm Mass <i>Corpus Christi College Mass 6.00pm</i>
Tuesday 28	1.05pm Mass <i>Peterhouse College Mass 6.15pm</i>
Wednesday 29	1.05pm Mass St Catherine of Siena <i>12.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Thursday 30	1.05pm Mass
Friday 1	1.05pm Mass St Joseph the Worker
Saturday 2	1.05pm Mass (Extraordinary Form) St Athanasius <i>4.30—5.30pm Confessions</i> 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 3	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 09.00am Sung Latin Mass 11.00am Sung English Mass

THE FISHER LECTURE

On Friday 1 May at 5.30pm, Baroness Scotland will speak on the topic: 'Is it possible to be a Catholic in public life?'. The lecture takes place in the chapel, and all are welcome. A drinks reception will follow. Baroness Patricia Scotland has served in many ministerial positions in the UK government, notably as Attorney General for England and Wales, and is joint Patron of Missio, the Catholic Church's official support organisation for overseas mission. All are welcome.

FISHER HOUSE ART EXHIBITION

An exhibition of artworks by students, senior members, and members of Fisher House, is open in the Fisher Room from today for a week. Entry is free, and all are welcome.

TERM CARDS

Cards are available outside the chapel. College Reps are asked to collect the bundles for their colleges, and to make sure that the Chaplain or Dean of your College receives ones. Please also take a poster for the Fisher Lecture to display in your college.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

On Thursday 30 April, there will be supper and a short presentation about the Oxford and Cambridge Lourdes Pilgrimage. The O&C pilgrimage was established over 50 years ago for students to work with the organization that runs Lourdes. About 30 pilgrims spend a week in Lourdes. Women work in the baths and pilgrim accommodation. Men work in the baths, in the station and airport, and as marshals for processions. The pilgrimage wants to recruit more current students. Please come to the information evening to find out more! If you would like to attend, please let Sister Ann or Ryan know in advance, for catering purposes.

ROSARY

The rosary is recited on Saturdays at 5:30pm, Sundays after 11am Mass, Tuesdays after 1:05pm Mass and Thursdays after 1:05pm Mass. Making Rosaries (in Fisher Room): Wednesdays at 6pm, Saturdays at 4pm.

FISHER FAMILIES

The next meeting of Fisher Families will be on Thursday 30 April at Maria Goodall's house from 3-5. For directions, please email Maria at mmr42.

LUNCH

Is available in the Fisher Room every weekday during term, for £1.50.

THE SACRAMENT OF CREATION

This week I have been hanging art – not something I do every day of my life. The Fisher House Art Exhibition shows some of the enormous talent and creativity of this community, a creativity shown in countless different ways, but which is notably on display this week in the Fisher Room.

Art matters to all of us, be we laden with the talent of Michelangelo or as artistic as a bin liner (actually, I have seen bin liners used in artistic displays - but you get my point). It matters first because it places us before the wonder of this world; its beauty, tragedy, mystery, glory, shadow. The world is, visually speaking, a noisy place – there is so much grabbing our attention, so much to see. A work of art stills that noise, places us before an element of creation, to contemplate, wonder, behold. It feeds us the world in digestible portions.

Art also matters because it communicates. An artist does not merely represent a landscape, or a person, or a jug of flowers. That is what a photograph does. An artist interprets, gives us their version of reality, interrogates us as to our response, evokes an emotion about a scene. There is nothing flat on about art, it is a journey into the mind, the soul, of an artist, seeing the world through their eyes, asking their questions, sharing their delight, puzzlement, anger, joy.

Art matters most of all because it is one of those select human experiences that transcends our limitations, that takes us beyond ourselves. The best art captures the soul of humanity, and expresses the profundity within us. For a Christian of course, that means that in some way it captures the Spiritual. Catholicism has always loved art for this reason: we believe that art can make the Divine happen to us, help us experience the blessedness of creation, lead us to contemplate the works of God. Not just as an academic exercise, but within, transforming, lifting us up, putting us in God's presence. God gets involved in creating art; that is why most artists are surprised at what comes out in their masterpieces – more than they had put in. That is why art is sacramental. That is why we could never live in a world without art. That is why it is a sacrament of creation.

Fr Mark

FISHER MASS

Our annual celebration of St John Fisher's Feast will take place on Monday 4 May at 12.00 noon in Great St Mary's. The preacher will be the Rt Revd George Stack, Archbishop of Cardiff. Academic Dress is to be worn. Lunch follows at Fisher House.

CATHOLICISM FOR THE CURIOUS

Fr Mark will speak on Monday over lunch at 1.15 on 'Catholic Social Teaching.

COFFEE & TEA

After 11am Mass in the Fisher room. Please join us!

SAINTS AND SCONES

Sunday 4.30pm, Sr Ann's room. Tea and scones as standard.

THE FISHER BAR

Open every Friday 8.00-11.30pm. A wide selection of drinks available at great prices. Why not bring somebody new along this term?

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Collection last week: £
Thank you!

APOLOGETICS GROUP

Meets in the Library on Saturdays at 7pm. Wine provided. This week: *Understanding the person of Jesus Christ.*

COLLEGE MASSES THIS WEEK:

Monday 27 April Corpus 6.00pm
Tuesday 28 April Peterhouse 6.15pm

POLISH NATIONAL DAY

Polish Catholic Action will celebrate with a concert on 2nd May 2015 at 4pm at Polonia Club, 231 Chesterton Road, (near Jesus Green), given by violinist Marta Kowalczyk. All are welcome.

FACEBOOK & WEBSITE

Stay up to date: www.facebook.com/groups/fishersociety/ - And our website: www.srcf.ucam.org/fisherhouse

ALL IN PROJECT

Willing to exhibit your faith? A new project is being launched by young Catholics aiming to create a wall of witness to the faith. If interested in being a witness please contact Ryan: ryanchristsopherday@googlemail.com