

Transformed into Christ

This solemnity of Corpus Christi is an opportunity for us to pause and to consider what receiving the body and blood of Christ means for us as Catholics. On a personal level, the Eucharist supplies meaning for our lives because of the spiritual nourishment and healing it brings us. But one facet which is often overlooked is the effect that the Eucharist has on the whole Church. The French Jesuit, Henri de Lubac, points out that ‘the Eucharist builds the Church and the Church makes the Eucharist’. That is, Christ founded both the Eucharist and the Church with a view to each other. If the Church did not exist, there would be no one to celebrate the Eucharist, yet if there were no Eucharist, the Church would not have *the* source of its life in Christ.

So the Church has the capacity to renew itself and to grow by returning to the thing, or rather the person, who gives it life—Jesus Christ made supremely present in the Eucharist. By participating in the remembrance and representation of the Lord’s Supper, the Church itself assumes something of the nature of the mystery of the Eucharist. We then are changed, for as St Augustine relates the words of Christ: ‘I am your food, but instead of my being changed into you, it is you who will be transformed into me’.

This transformation has consequences for us all. In receiving the body and blood of the Lord, some things in us are changed so that we become more like Christ. This includes very concrete things such as attitudes, ideas, perspectives, and responses. If we allow the Lord to work in us, we find ourselves being acted upon, such that we become more loving people, and more ready to give ourselves for the service of others. In this way, the Church becomes Eucharistic.

And so we continue in the year of mercy dependent upon the Eucharist, for it is there that we receive the resources to open our hearts to be changed by Christ, to become more like him, and to act out of mercy and love in all aspects of our daily lives.

Fr Philip



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 29 MAY - CORPUS CHRISTI

CALENDAR - TERM WEEK VI

Sunday 29	CORPUS CHRISTI	9.00	Sung Latin Mass
		11.00	Sung English Mass
Monday 30	12.30	Mass	
Tuesday 31	1.05	Mass	Visitation of the BVM
Wednesday 1	1.05	Mass	St Justin, Martyr
June	12.30	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Thursday 2	1.05	Mass	Sts Marcellinus and Peter
Friday 3	1.05, 7.30	Mass	SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Saturday 4	1.05	Mass	Immaculate Heart of Mary in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
	4.30—5.30	<i>Confessions</i>	
	6.00	Vigil Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 5	TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00	Sung Latin Mass
		11.00	Sung English Mass

FR MARK LANGHAM - SR ANN SWAILES OP - FR PHILIP MOLLER SJ

SENIOR MEMBERS' DISCUSSION GROUP

If you are a senior member interested discussing the Pope's exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, there will be a first session on Thursday 30 June at 6.00pm in the Fisher House dining room. Please contact Fr Mark (ml709) for details.

SR ANN'S OPEN OFFICE

Like the Sacred Heart, the doors of Sr Ann's office will be cast especially wide on Friday to welcome all who are weary and refresh those who are cast down. Come and take a few minutes' break over tea, cakes and meat (yes, you read that right!) Sr Ann's office is open at 3.00pm on Friday to feed your mind and body with tea and cakes.

FLAME CONFERENCE 2017

Fisher house is hoping to send a contingent to the FLAME conference on 11th March 2017 (in the Wembley arena). Details at cymfed.org.uk/flame2017/.

If interested, sign up on the sheet outside the chapel (just to indicate interest). Estimated cost is £18 + transport (to be confirmed at a later date). Questions to Justin Ng (yhjn2).

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

There will be a marriage preparation course at Fisher House on Saturday 4 June, 11.00am to 4.30pm. Such a course is a requirement for all those intending to marry. Please see Fr Mark for more details.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Jesus College will hold an ecumenical service of music and readings, based on the the Taizé community, on Thursday 2 June at 6.15pm. All are welcome. There will be dinner after the service for all who would like to attend - please let the College know either via its Facebook event page, or through Pavel Kohout (pk396).

GRADSOC

The final two events of the year: **Punting** (feat. Pimms), Wednesday 1 June at 6.00pm. Due to new regulations on the river governing the use of college punts, we will be renting from Scudamores. Meet at Fisher House.

End of Term BBQ: Fisher House Terrace. More information can be gleaned at www.facebook.com/events/847287412044574/

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

This week has brought a significant addition to Fisher House - an ikon of Our Lady of Walsingham. Walsingham is the major historical shrine to Our Lady in England, and East Anglia is especially entrusted to her care. This ikon, which interprets the traditional shrine image in a new way, has been painted in Russia by Philip Davydov and will, hopefully, become a popular focus of devotion.

ENGLISH MASS CHOIR

Congratulations to James Grimwood (Trinity Hall), who has landed himself the job of director of the English Mass choir.

MORNING PRAYER

will not be celebrated in the chapel this week.

LIBRARY BOOK RETURN

Please return all library books to the library by June 6. The annual stocktaking will then take place. Loans for the summer may then be taken out.

LEAVERS' BBQ

Sunday 12 June, following the 11.00am Mass, on the terrace. Free for leavers, and £2 for all others. You will be placed in the culinary care of our resident BBQ expert, Fr Philip.

GARDEN PARTY

The Fisher House Garden Party will be held on Thursday 16 June, 3.00pm, in the beautiful grounds of the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, Grange Road. Come, drain the Pimms ...

CAFOD

is the Catholic Church's agency for Overseas aid and development. We are looking to revive the chaplaincy group - if you are interested in helping to run it, please see Fr Mark.

COLLECTION COUNTERS

We need a new rota of counters for the Sunday collection - just one person per week to work alongside our office staff. Please sign up, or contact Fr Mark (ml709) if you can help.

SUMMER WORKS

Agreement was reached this week on significant improvements to the Fisher Room and its kitchen. This work, which will take place over the summer, will make the kitchen easier to use and provide more storage, and will enhance the facilities in the Fisher Room itself.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

£535.37

Thank you!