

The Month of the Holy Souls

November's sombre weather seems a fitting time to remember our Dead, and pray for our loved and dear ones. Death touches us all - this autumn there has been a great number of funerals connected with Fisher House or with me personally.

As a priest, I often have to accompany those who have lost dear family members or friends. Of course, no words suffice; nothing makes the pain of loss go away. The role of the priest is, in the first place, simply to be present to the bereaved, a sign of the quiet but abiding love of Christ.

But I am also aware at these times of the power and comfort of the Church's teaching on death, expressed in its beautiful funeral liturgy. The first point the Funeral Mass makes is that death is not an end; 'the bonds of love that unite us in life are too strong to be broken by death'. We are left with more than memories. We have hope that we shall see our loved ones again and share their company. So, the Church exhorts us to pray for - and even to - our loved ones. Our relationship continues. We still have work to do, as they have on our behalf.

Our prayers help our dear ones on their way. That used to be thought of in terms of reducing their days in Purgatory, like being let out on parole early. But Purgatory is a letting go of all that keeps us from God, all that ties us to selfishness. It is like emerging from a dark cave into the light, when we cannot for a while see clearly. Our prayers help the holy souls to cast off their reticence, sluggishness, nervousness, to emerge into the glorious light of eternal life. That is a loving task for us all; it is the wonderful work of this month of



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 30 October: 31st Sunday of the Year

CALENDAR: WEEK III OF TERM

Sunday 30	31st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass	
	11.00	Sung English Mass	
Monday 31	12.30	Mass	
Tuesday 1	8.00	Mass	ALL SAINTS
November	1.05	Mass	<i>Holyday of Obligation</i>
Wednesday 2	1.05	Mass	ALL SOULS
	12.30	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Thursday 3	1.05	Mass	
Friday 4	1.05	Mass	St Charles Borromeo
	7.30	Compline	
Saturday 5	1.05	Mass (EF)	
	4.30 - 5.30	<i>Confessions</i>	
	6.00	Vigil Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 6	32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass	
	11.00	Sung English Mass	
	4.00	Family Mass	

MONS. MARK LANGHAM : SR ANN SWAILES OP : FR PHILIP MOLLER SJ

CATHOLICISM FOR THE CURIOUS

A short talk on varied aspects of the Catholic faith, over lunch. Monday, 1.15pm. This week, *What should Catholics know 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 see Fr Mark (ml709).

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

INTERNATIONAL EVENING

Come and experience the wide range of communities at Fisher House, at a feast of international delights! Saturday 5 November at 7.00pm. If you would like to contribute a dish, please contact Richard Liang (rhpl2).

HCPT BLACK-TIE CHARITY DINNER

An unprecedented opportunity to dine in the exquisite Fisher House Library! Saturday 19 November: 7.00pm Drinks reception, 7.30pm 5-course dinner and wine. £30. To reserve your ticket, log on to <https://goo.gl/forms/ArOxgvdz2vDWchJj2> or contact Michael Loy (mpal2).

SR ANN'S OPEN OFFICE

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

MASS AT CHRIST'S COLLEGE

There will be Mass at 6.30pm at Christ's College on Monday.

TAIZÉ PRAYER

Held on the first Monday of each month, 9.00pm in the Chapel. Next meeting Monday 7 November. All welcome.

ALL SAINTS

The Feast of all Saints is a Holiday of Obligation. An extra will be celebrated at 8.00am.

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.

GRADSOC FILM NIGHT

On Wednesday, in the Fisher Room, at 8.00pm - using the amazing new screen and projector. Come and be surprised at what we have chosen to show !

TRAINING FOR MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

A brief training session will take place next Saturday , 5 November, at 3.00pm. If you would like to become a minister, please contact Fr Mark (ml709).

INTERFAITH EVENTS

Thursday 3 November: Scriptural Reasoning workshop. (Fisher House, time TBC)

Friday 4 November: Catholic delegation to Muslim prayers at St. Columba's (1pm - 1.45pm)

Friday 11 November: Inter-faith Sabbath (meet at Fisher House at 5.45pm; includes dinner, so contact Michael Miller (mhlm2)

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

A book for you to record the names of your dear and loved ones will be available throughout November. Those recorded will be remembered at Masses this month.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

This is the last week when it is possible to sign up for the Chaplaincy pilgrimage to Rome 5 - 11 December, staying centrally and visiting many of the historic and religious sites. NB Female students may apply for help with funding through the Kolb Fund. Speak to Fr Mark.

FISHER FAMILIES

A group for young families, meeting every second Tuesday in the Fisher Room at 2.00pm. Next meeting 8 November. Contact Emma Boland (ejdt2).

FAMILY MASS

Next Sunday, 6 November, at 4.00pm.

HOMELESSNESS OVER CHRISTMAS

If you can help with the Churches Together in Cambridge initiative to help homeless, please sign the form outside the chapel.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

£335.44

Thank you!