

A TALE OF TWO MARTINS

Last Thursday saw the feast day of St Martin de Porres, and this coming week the Church celebrates St Martin of Tours. The two saints are among the best loved in the liturgical calendar, but what do they have in common apart from their name?

At first sight, very little. St Martin of Tours was born in Hungary in the 4th century, and ended up as an influential bishop in southern France. The Peruvian St Martin de Porres, the son of a 16th century Spanish nobleman and a freed slave woman lived for over 40 years as a Dominican brother, caring for the domestic needs of the 300 friars who made up the community. St Martin of Tours played his part in the high politics of his day; St Martin de Porres suffered social and racial discrimination even at the hands of his own brethren. Underneath all these contrasts, however, there is a much more striking, much more important similarity. Both Martins are celebrated, and beloved, above all for their ability to see and love Christ in all whom they met. The best known story about St Martin of Tours tells how, having followed his father into the Imperial army, and meeting a beggar on a freezing winter's night, the young Martin took his sword, divided his cloak in two, and gave half to the beggar. That night, in a dream, he saw Christ wrapped in the cloak, thanking Martin for his kindness towards him. He subsequently left the army, and after some years as a hermit, sought ordination.

The life of St Martin de Porres is filled with accounts of his completely unselective charity. A profoundly gifted nurse and healer, he cared tirelessly for the abjectly poor of the city, on at least one occasion giving up his own bed in the priory for a sick man. He also counselled the rich and powerful, who, recognising his holiness and wisdom, came in increasing numbers to the door of the Priory to consult with him in times of personal crisis – perhaps a particularly costly act of service for one who had been abandoned in childhood by his own aristocratic father.

The Lord tells us, as we know, that whatever acts of charity we do to our brothers and sisters, we do to him. In our striving to live the Gospel, St Martin and St Martin, pray for us!

Ann

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FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 6 November: 32nd Sunday of the Year

CALENDAR: WEEK V OF TERM

Sunday 6	31st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
	9.00 Sung Latin Mass
	11.00 Sung English Mass
	4.00 Family Mass
Monday 7	12.30 Mass
Tuesday 8	8.00 Mass
November	1.05 Mass
Wednesday 9	1.05 Mass Dedication of Lateran
	12.30 <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Thursday 10	1.05 Mass St Leo the Great
Friday 11	1.05 Mass St Martin of Tours
	7.30 Compline
Saturday 12	1.05 Mass (EF) St Josaphat
	4.30 - 5.30 <i>Confessions</i>
	6.00 Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday 13	33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR:
	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
	9.00 Sung Latin Mass (Requiem)
	11.00 Sung English 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, *Scripture in the life of the Church*.

LUNCH

is available each weekday in the Fisher Room, price £1.50. Come on the day—or tickets are on sale after Mass, 10 for the price of 9!

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).

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Next Sunday the 9.00am will be a Requiem for the fallen of the World Wars, and all conflicts of our time.

FISHER BITES

Kitty Hunter-Blair will give a talk (with clips) on the great Russian Film Director Andrei Tarkovsky. 8.00pm Tuesday 8 November, Fisher Room. Wine served.

On Thursday 10 November, **Dr David Elliot** will speak on ‘Catholic Attitudes to End of Life’ in the Fisher Room at 8.00pm

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).

TAIZÉ PRAYER

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

GILBEY REQUIEM

The annual requiem for Monsignor Gilbey will take place on Monday 14 November at 6.30pm, and will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

FRIDAY COMPLINE

At 7.30pm, a relaxed and quiet half hour, with a meditation. If you are a singer or musician contact Fr

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 website will be up soon, after a lot of work from some very dedicated helpers. Apologies for the interruption.

GRADSOC VESPERS

On Wednesday, at Blackfriars at 6.15pm, followed by a Pub Dinner at the Isaac Newton.

CUCA AGM

The AGM of the Cambridge University Catholic Association will be held on Sunday 27 November at 12.15. Please come along to hear of the work CUCA is doing for you. We need to be quorate, so we would appreciate a good turn out!

INTERFAITH EVENTS

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

SR ANN'S OPEN OFFICE

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

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

This afternoon 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

£369.94

Thank you!