

THE SHEPHERD AND HIS SHEEP

The themes from the readings this week draw together to help us reflect on how we understand Jesus as the shepherd, and us as the sheep. Though a somewhat earthy and agricultural image, it suggests to us that the Israelite kings were intended to govern with the care and concern of shepherds.

This weekend's Gospel comes from John, in which the entire chapter is devoted to this theme of shepherds. Jesus here is building up to the all important claim that *'I am the Good Shepherd'*. Building on images known to the people of Jesus' day, Jesus makes clear that the relation between pastor and sheep is one of intimate knowledge: the pastor knows those in his care, and the sheep recognize his voice and willingly follow his call.

Jesus here identifies himself with the shepherd, but also with the gate of the sheepfold, which adds a new dimension to the story for us. If the sheep are to flourish, they have to come and go through the gate of the fold: they cannot stay 'within' or 'inside' all of the time, as they will decline for lack of food. Yet if they do not return to the fold in the evening, they will be at risk from the dangers of predators of the night. So, daily, the sheep have to come and go through the gate, which then becomes their means of access to both protection and growth.

By describing himself as 'the Gate of the sheepfold', Jesus is indicating for us that only through vital and continual interaction with himself will members of the community find life and growth. In this sense, he 'has come that they may have life and have it to the full'. Our message for this week, then, is that Jesus is the source of our life in our every day existence, but also nourishes us and forever draws us to the 'eternal life' which is a share in undying life of God, in the here and now. May we experience the peace and joy of this knowledge as we move through this Easter season.

Fr Philip



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 7 May: 4th Sunday of Easter

CALENDAR: WEEK II OF TERM

Sunday 7	3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.00 Sung Latin Mass 11.00 Sung English Mass Cel: Bishop Alan Hopes
Monday 8	1.05 Mass
Tuesday 9	1.05 Mass
Wednesday 10	1.05 Mass 12.30 <i>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament</i>
Thursday 11	1.05 Mass
Friday 12	12.30 Mass <i>Sts Nereus and Achilleus</i> 7.30 <i>Compline</i>
Saturday 13	1.05 Mass (EF) 4.30 - 5.30 <i>Confessions</i> 6.00 Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday 14	5th SUNDAY OF EASTER 9.00 Sung Latin Mass 11.00 Sung English Mass

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

CATHOLICISM FOR THE CURIOUS

Moving to Fridays: a short talk on varied aspects of the Catholic faith, over lunch. 1.15pm. This week, Sr Ann on 'Catherine of Siena and the Avignon Papacy'.

WEEKDAY LUNCH

Available Monday to Friday in the Fisher Room following Mass, price £1.50.

SEEKING ACCOMMODATION

Two requests have come from foreign students arriving in Cambridge this summer for periods of study, both seeking a Catholic house/family to lodge with:

Marie Roser, 19 June 2017 to 15 Sep 2017.

Tim Klein, Aug/Sep 2017 to Oct 2018.

Please contact Fr Mark if able to help.

COMPLINE

Every Friday evening in the chapel at 7.30pm

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please pray for John Philips, who died recently. John and his wife Claire supplied the catering for Fisher House events for many years. John's funeral will take place in the chapel on Monday 15 May at 1.00pm.

GRADSOC

The GradSoc meets next Wednesday (10 May), for a film night in the Fisher Room. Looking ahead, Wednesday 17 May, dinner and concert. Contact Lydia (lch46).

... AND MORE

The weekly GradSoc thesis and dissertation (or generally study) support group/workshop/stress relief session meets on Thursday at 3.00pm in the Fisher Room for tea, biscuits and a shoulder to cry on.

FISHER BITES

On Thursday, Professor Richard Rex will speak on *Martin Luther: Wrecker or Reformer* at 8.00pm in the Great Chamber (access via the library). Wine provided.

KOLB FUND

A fund making grants to Catholic women for a variety of purposes, including study materials and travel. It is really worthwhile looking at it: see the Kolb Memorial Trust page on the website.

FISHER DINNER

The climactic event of the Fisher House social year will take place on Thursday 15 June, with dinner at Peterhouse at 7.00pm. Please mark it in your diary. During the week, the opportunity to sign up for tickets will be available online and on a sheet outside the chapel. Save the date!

EUROVISION SONG CONTEST



It might be the biggest argument for leaving Europe: The excruciating *Eurovision Song Contest*. The traditional party for students will squeeze into Fr Mark's sitting room on Saturday, following 6.00pm Mass.

NEW CARD SYSTEM

The new card access system has been fitted to the Fisher Room. Anyone who is a member of the University with a University Card will automatically be enrolled in the new system in the next few weeks. If we do not have your CRSID we cannot add you to the system: please make sure that the chaplains, or your College rep has it.

The card will not be needed on Sundays.

Access to the chapel will still be by the code system at the main doors. To get to daily Mass, you need do nothing different.

FILM NIGHT

On Sunday, 8.00pm in the Fisher Room, *The Scarlet and the Black*, with Gregory Peck in fine form as Monsignor O'Flaherty, duping the Nazis in war-time Rome. Sir John Gielgud gives an assured performance as Pope Pius XII. 50p entry. Popcorn and pizza provided.

CAROLINE DIVINE READING GROUP

Meeting on Tuesdays, 7.30-9.00pm in the Great Chamber, to discuss the writings of these great 17th century theologians. Contact Michael Miller (mhlm2). Over a glass of wine, naturally.

MADONNAS & MIRACLES

Don't miss this exhibition currently at the Fitzwilliam Museum, which looks at the hidden world of devotion in the Italian renaissance home. A great and inspiring break from revision, and entry free!

BLACK SWAN BAR

Open on Friday, in the Fisher Room following Compline, with an extraordinary selection of craft beers, gins and whisk(e)y.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

£443.71

Thank you!