

AND SO IT BEGINS ...

Beginnings - we encounter them again and again. Like some celestial game of Snakes and Ladders, we reach the top of one ladder only to find ourselves at the bottom of another. Never is that truer than for those of us starting University. Top of the form at school, celebrated for achieving Cambridge entrance, we find ourselves here merely one of many, inexperienced, nervous, wary. That can be bewildering, even frightening.

Patience is a key virtue at this time. Most people (I included) began their University career in a state of scarcely contained panic. But gradually, day by day, meeting by meeting, you find your footing, you establish yourself. It won't happen overnight. It will take time, summoning up courage to speak to new people, learning a how to negotiate the demands of life at Cambridge. But you will do it. Have patience. Hang on in there.

The two most important decisions you will make each day are: *when do you go to bed*, and *when do you get up*? University is a place for pushing boundaries. But it is also a place where you first learn the responsibilities of adult life, and that includes discovering that what you did last night will have an effect on how you get on today. Have fun. Have a lot of fun. But be sensible.

And keep a thread running through your days. You will be busy here, busier than you have ever been. The range and exuberance of Cambridge life delights, baffles, exhausts. Keep your feet on the ground. Say some prayers. Keep up Mass. It will orient you amid the whirlwind of Cambridge life!



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 9 October: 28th Sunday of the Year

CALENDAR

Sunday 9	28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass	
	11.00	Sung English Mass	FRESHERS' MASS
Monday 10	12.30	Mass	
Tuesday 11	1.05	Mass	
Wednesday 12	1.05	Mass	
	12.30	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Thursday 13	1.05	Mass	St Edward the Confessor
Friday 14	1.05	Mass	
Saturday 15	1.05	Mass (EF)	St Theresa of Avila
	4.30 - 5.30	<i>Confessions</i>	
	6.00	Vigil Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 16	29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass	
	11.00	Sung English Mass	

CATHOLICISM FOR THE CURIOUS

A short talk on aspects of the Catholic Faith over lunch on Monday. This week, Fr Mark will speak on 'Speaking about God.' All are welcome.

LUNCH

is available each weekday in the Fisher Room, price £2.50

FISHER HOUSE LIBRARY

Open when Fisher House is, from 8.00am to 10.00pm. A light and pleasant place to work - and meet friends.

CARDINAL AT CLARE

Next Sunday, Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor will be present at Mass. In the evening he will preach at Evensong at Clare College. There will be a special dinner in his honour; there is a sign-up list to attend outside the chapel. Cost £16.

SACRED LINEN

If you can be part of the rota to wash the sacred linen that we use at Mass, please sign the list outside the chapel.

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 sign up

Freshers' Events:

TODAY: Welcome Buffet after 11.00am Mass – free. All welcome.

Wednesday 12: Welcome drinks for Graduates, 7.00pm, Great Chamber. Enter via Fisher Room/Library. The Graduate Society has a busy programme of events this term. Pick up a leaflet outside the chapel.

Friday 14: Freshers' Fair 8.00pm in Black Swan Bar, Fisher Room. Drinks free for Freshers. Come and learn about the different activities and societies at Fisher House.

Sunday 16: Following 11.00am Mass, lunch will be cooked by members of the Fisher Society - free for Freshers. Cardinal Cormac will also be breezing through.

Friday 21: Quiz Night at the Black Swan Bar. 8.00pm

CALLING COLLEGE REPS:

Drinks in the Great Chamber, Thursday 13 October. If your College has no Fisher House rep at present, and you would like to step up, please contact Fr Mark (ml709)

SVP

The Society of St Vincent de Paul meets weekly for prayer, and takes food and hot drinks to the homeless every evening. If you would like to be part of the rota, contact Dorinda Chandrabose (dsc37) or Elinor McNab (emkm2).

ALTAR SERVERS

We are always looking for altar servers, for Sunday and weekday Masses, and for the Extraordinary Form Mass on Saturday. Please contact Fr Mark (ml709) or Felipe Contatto (fc379) if interested.

EXTRAORDINARY FORM

The Tridentine Mass is celebrated on Saturdays at 1.05pm, beginning next Saturday, 15 October.

WEBSITE

Make sure you visit the Fisher House website, with lots of information about the chaplaincy, including Mass times, contact details, and a useful calendar of events. www.sref.ucam.org/fisherhouse/

SR ANN'S OPEN OFFICE

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

FRIDAY EVENING PRAYER

At 7.30pm, starting on Friday 21 October. If you are a singer or a musician contact Fr Mark or Sr

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

The Chaplaincy will travel to Rome 5 - 11 December, staying centrally and visiting many of the historic and religious sites. The trip includes a Papal audience, visit to the tomb of St Peter under the basilica, Mass in St Ignatius' rooms and St Dominic's rooms, a visit to the Curia, and lots of opportunities for long lingering meals. Cost £499, and full details are available in the leaflets outside the chapel.

ENGLISH MASS CHOIR

If you would like to be part of the choir that sings a range of music to high standard at 11.00am Mass on Sunday, please contact James Grimwood (jag217).

LATIN MASS CHOIR

The Schola Cantorum sings Gregorian Chant and polyphony at the 9.00am Mass on Sunday. There is a rehearsal on Friday evening. If you would like to be part of the Schola, contact Nic Walker (nghw2).

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Wednesday at 12.30pm before Mass.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

£333.76

We need help counting the Sunday collection. Please contact Fr Mark, (ml709).