

## VIVA CRISTO REY!

**M**iguel Pro was an unlikely martyr, but perhaps an obvious saint. Born in 1891 to a poor family in Mexico, he joined the Jesuit novitiate in 1911, where he was known both for his wit and his piety. They used to say there were two Miguels; ‘the playful and the prayerful.’

In 1914, the government of Mexico began a campaign of opposition to the Catholic Church, culminating in a new Constitution of 1917 with sweeping anti-Catholic measures (this is the background to Graham Greene’s visit of 1938 resulting in his seminal novel *The Power and the Glory*). Education was removed from the church, and the civil rights of clergy were denied. In some states, the Governors enforced the rules with greater vehemence, closing or demolishing the churches and expelling all priests. The Jesuit novitiate was forced to move to California, and Fr Miguel later spent time in Spain, Nicaragua and Belgium.

In 1926, Fr Miguel returned to Mexico, at a time when President Plutarco Calles was enforcing zealously the anti-Catholic laws. The young priest had to minister in secret, celebrating clandestine Masses and baptising and confessing small groups of Catholics in hiding. He was arrested in 1927, on the pretext of an assassination attempt on the President, and on November 23 was executed by firing squad. Disdaining a blindfold, Fr Miguel held out his arms in the image of the crucified Christ, and as the shots rang, shouted ‘Viva Cristo Rey!’ - *All praise to Christ the King!* Fr Miguel Pro was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1988.

His declaration of faith in the face of death encourages us all on this feast of Christ the King. Our faith is rooted firmly in Jesus of Nazareth, who was declared a king at his execution. He was not a king who craved for power, nor a dictator who trampled underfoot those who followed him. In his kingdom, his poor subjects are cherished and loved; they are his friends, his brothers and sisters who partake in his very life. Worldly kingdoms will come and go. Fr Miguel testified that the kingdom of Jesus Christ will never pass away. Together with Blessed Miguel Pro of Mexico, Christians throughout the world acclaim their King: *Viva Cristo Rey!*

*Fr Mark*



## FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 25 November - CHRIST THE KING

### CALENDAR - TERM WEEK VIII

Sunday 25	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING (CHRIST THE KING)	
	9.00am	Sung Latin Mass
	11.00am	Sung English Mass
Monday 26	1.05pm	Mass
Tuesday 27	1.05pm	Mass
Wednesday 28	1.05pm	Mass
Thursday 29	1.05pm	Mass
Friday 30	1.05pm	Mass <i>St Andrew</i>
Saturday 1 December	1.05pm	Mass
	4.30—5.30	<i>Confessions</i>
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday 2	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
	9.00am	Latin Mass
	11.00am	Sung English Mass

FR MARK LANGHAM - SR ANN SWAILES OP - FR CHASE PEPPER CSC

## CUCA AGM AND ELECTIONS

The CUCA Annual General Meeting will be held today, 25 November 2018, in the chapel following 11.00am Mass. Elections for positions on Council will take place at the meeting. We encourage as many as possible to be there for this important event.

## BENSON CLUB

We meet in the Great Chamber at 7.30pm on Monday 26 November, to discuss *Fr Elijah: an apocalypse*, by Michael O'Brien. Wine will be provided.

## ORIGINS OF MANKIND

On Saturday 1 December at 4.15pm in the Fisher Room, Dr Charles Breeze will speak on 'The Origins of Mankind: Evolution and the First Humans'.

## TAIZE PRAYER

Join the Taize group in the chapel at 8.00pm every Monday evening.

## SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

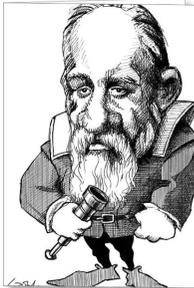
Senior members—a date for your diaries: we are planning another visit to Palazzola, the villa outside Rome, from 5 August for 7 nights. Not to be missed!

## NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

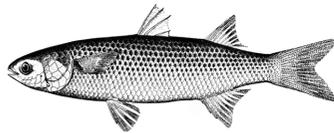
A book for you to record the names of your dear and loved ones will be available throughout November. Those recorded will be remembered at Masses this month.

## APOLOGIA

Our popular Tuesday meal and meeting continues on Tuesday, at 7.00pm in the Fisher Room. Come for dinner, a talk, complime and the bar. This week Fr Chase will speak on *The Galileo Case*.



## THE HADDOCKS



Fisher House's discussion group on medical ethics, aimed at doctors or anyone interested in these questions, meets on Mondays at 4.00pm in the Fisher Room.

## THE DOLPHINS

Continuing our fishy theme, Fisher House's triumphant football team ('The Dolphins') meets every Sunday afternoon at 2.45pm to practice. Contact Julia Wdowin on jw735.



## CHRISTMAS CAROLS



On Thursday 29 November, we shall be singing carols to raise funds for the SVP in Grand Arcade, from 3.00pm - 6.00pm. Gather in the Fisher Room from 2.30pm.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Carol Singing, on 29 November, will be followed by our Christmas Party. All welcome, from 6.00pm.



## HURRY DOWN THE CHIMNEY

The Christmas Party will include a Revue of comedy sketches, entitled 'Hurry Down the Chimney', performed by members of Fisher House. 8.00pm Great Chamber.

## GRADSOC CHRISTMAS DINNER

Saturday 8 December, 7.00pm. Contact Marc on mb2187

## SVP GIVING TREE



The Giving Tree is located outside the chapel. Pick up a pair of labels, in your preferred price range. Put one on your gift, and hang the other on the tree!  
\*\* Please ensure you have given your gift by 9 December.

## QUAERO: THEOLOGY FOR NON-THEOLOGAINS

On Sundays at 3.30pm in the library, discussion of classic texts in an engaging and accessible way - over mead! Contact Reed on rjm228

## CAMBRIDGE FOOD BANK

Volunteers needed to collect from Tesco Fulbourn and Bar Hill on 29 & 30 Nov and 1 Dec. 90 minutes slots. For more information contact Susan O'Brien on so277@cam.ac.uk.

## MASS NEXT WEEK

Masses on 2 December will be at the usual term times: 6.00pm vigil, 9.00am, 11.00am. From 9 December, it will be only at 10.30am on Sunday.

## COLLECTION LAST WEEK

£307.63

Thank you!

It costs £4,000 per week to run Fisher House.