

Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

This weekend, Pope Francis will consecrate the whole world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during a special Mass in Rome, for which he has asked that the statue of Our Lady of Fatima be brought to Rome. This act mirrors similar consecrations undertaken by Pope Pius XII in 1952 in Rome, and by Blessed Pope John Paul II, firstly in Fatima in 1982, and then in Rome in March, 1984.

Such devotion is a reflection of the desire of the Pope, and of faithful Catholics, to see mirrored in every human heart the simple and pure love that Mary had for Jesus. We consecrate ourselves to Mary's Heart as a sign of our desire to show her same openness to God and neighbour. To consecrate oneself – or others – to her Heart is to seek there that we might love God more fully – more 'wholeheartedly' we might say – and to love our neighbour in concrete and real ways.

Devotion to Mary is an expression of what is at the heart of our faith. To draw close to Mary is to draw close to Jesus. As the earliest Christian witnesses often taught, Mary was open to receiving Jesus in her mind and in her heart before she gave birth to him in her flesh. For this reason she is the first of all the disciples of the Lord as she is the most faithful of all the Lord's followers. In her maternal love of us she continues to assist us in our following of Him; a consecration to her Immaculate Heart gives expression to this in a simple way.

As Pope Francis makes this new consecration of the whole world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, he will surely be praying especially for those people most in need in our world – for those longing for peace, for the poor and the marginalised, for the sick and bereaved, for those who feel alienated from God. To her Immaculate and Sorrowful Heart he will commend these and all of us. As the Holy Father makes this consecration, let us ask Mary to show us how we might more faithfully follow her Son, Jesus, and so love God and our neighbour wholeheartedly.



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 13 October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CALENDAR

Sunday 13		28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
		<i>There will be no 9.00 Mass today</i>	
	11.00	The Freshers' Mass	
		<i>Followed by lunch in the Fisher Room</i>	
Monday 14	12.15	Mass	
Tuesday 15	1.05	Mass	St Theresa of Jesus
Wednesday 16	1.05	Mass	
Thursday 17	1.05	Mass	St Ignatius of Antioch
Friday 18	1.05	Mass	St Luke, Evangelist
Saturday 19	1.05	Mass	
	4.30	Confessions	
	6.00	Vigil Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 20		29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
	8.00	Low Mass in the Extraordinary Form	
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass	
	11.00	Sung English Mass	

THE FRESHERS' MASS

Today there will be special Mass at 11.00am to welcome Freshers (and everyone else!). Following Mass there will be a free lunch with drinks, during which the Chaplains and members of the Fisher Society will introduce the work of Fisher House, and invite you to sign up for any groups or ministries that might interest you.

REGISTRATION CARDS

If you are new to Fisher House, please do not forget to sign a registration card (available just outside the chapel) and leave it in the box nearby.

TERM CARDS

Term Cards, giving details of activities at the chaplaincy in this Michaelmas Term, are available outside the chapel, or from your college reps.

COLLEGE REPS - if you have not collected your College Term Cards, please see Sr Ann.

HOLY ROSARY

The rosary is prayed every Tuesday, following 1.05pm Mass, on Saturdays at 5.30pm, and on Sundays following the 11.00 Mass

EXPOSITION of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Wednesdays at 12.30pm before Mass.

FRESHERS' BAR EVENING

There will be a welcome party (with first drink free for Freshers!) in the Fisher Room, on Monday at 8.00pm.

GRADUATES DRINKS PARTY

Graduates are invited for drinks in the Great Chamber (reached via the Library) on Wednesday at 8.00pm. All graduates and mature students are welcome.

CATHOLICISM FOR THE CURIOUS

Following 12.15 Mass on Monday, Fr Mark will be leading a discussion over lunch on the topic: How can we speak about God? All are welcome.

SAINTS AND SCONES

With a title like that, how can you resist?! Sr Ann will lead a discussion on saints, over cream tea, on Sunday at 4.30 in her study in Fisher House.

LUNCH is available every weekday in term time from 1.00pm in the Fisher Room, price £1.50.

LIBRARY

Fisher House Library is open for private study whenever Fisher House is open. Coming soon - film nights!!

ARE YOU A WEB BOFFIN?

The Fisher House website needs a make-over. If you have the expertise, and the time, to help re-design it, please have a word with Fr Mark.

CONSIDER YOUR CALL

A group for those interested in exploring their vocation to priesthood or religious life. Meetings will take place in a relaxed and informal atmosphere on monthly Sunday evenings, usually including a time of prayer and conversation over supper. There will be occasional speakers. If you are interested, please see Fr Mark or Sr Ann.

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The SVP seeks to help those in Cambridge on the margins, and those less fortunate than ourselves. The group meets every Thursday at 6.30pm in the Fisher Room. All are welcome. Contact Sarah Culkin (sc741)

LECTIO DIVINA GROUP

We meet every Friday at 6.00pm in the Chapel to pray with the Sunday Mass readings, followed by refreshments in the Fisher Room. All are welcome. Contact Sr Ann.

CATHOLIC GRADUATE SOCIETY

The society meets every Wednesday in full term, with speaker meetings at 6.00pm followed by drinks and discussion, or bar evenings on alternate weeks at 8.00pm. All graduates and senior members are welcome. Contact Hugh Burling (hdpb2)

POETRY, FORM AND FAITH

Every Tuesday, at 6.00pm in the Library, Sr Anna Mary OP and Professor Howard Erskine-Hill will discuss poetry through the eyes of faith. All welcome.

FISHER HOUSE ON FACEBOOK

An easy way to keep in touch with the Chaplaincy, and to learn about special events. Follow us on www.facebook.com/CatholicChaplaincyCambridge

WE CAN MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC TOGETHER ...

If you are interested in singing on Sundays in the choir at the Latin Mass (9.00) or the English Mass (11.00), please see Sr Ann or Fr Mark.