

The True Measure of our Lives

For many of us, this weekend is significant. It follows the close of the Full Easter Term on Friday, and so marks several milestones. For some, the year's academic efforts are complete, exams are over, and the prospect of warm summer days beckons. For others, the pressure of teaching, meetings, and supervisions lets up, bringing the opportunity and space for quiet research and reflection. And for one group, this weekend marks the end. Our leavers' work in Cambridge is done, either as an undergraduate or a graduate student, and a new chapter of life begins. Therefore, as we gather for Mass this weekend, we come with a spirit of thanksgiving, and one of hope. We look back on the year, and give the Lord thanks for all the blessings that have been given to us, and for the opportunities which have come our way.

It is also a chance to think about the future, and in what way we are going to step forward into the world. Here, not simply what we do, but how we do it, is significant. The Gospel for this weekend is the story of the woman who shows great love, and Jesus who shows great mercy. It shows us that there is an intrinsic link between loving and forgiving, and that we are called to be loving and forgiving people. What we achieve in life—whether it be at Cambridge, or in the workplace or future studies—is important because we are called to do the greater good for the world. Yet as Christians we are also called to live this out with a disposition that reflects God's love in our lives. This will sometimes involve being merciful in ways that are difficult for us, or go against our natural inclinations. Yet as we are forgiven by the Lord, we are asked to forgive those who have wronged us. In so doing, we experience a great love comes from the Lord, as a blessing from above.

So as we step into this next stage of May Week, summer, and beyond, let's keep in mind that the measure of our lives is the ways in which we are able to love and forgive, and perhaps this week we can pray for the grace to make that a reality for us.

Fr Philip



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 12 JUNE—ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

CALENDAR - TERM WEEK VIII

Sunday 12	ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass	
	11.00	Sung English Mass: <i>Leavers' Mass</i>	
Monday 13	12.30	Mass	St Anthony of Padua
Tuesday 14	1.05	Mass	
Wednesday 15	1.05, 7.30	Mass	
	8.00pm <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>		
Thursday 16	1.05	Mass	St Richard of Chichester
Friday 17	1.05	Mass	
Saturday 18	1.05	Mass	
	4.30—5.30	<i>Confessions</i>	
	6.00	Vigil Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 19	TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass	
	11.00	Sung English Mass	

FR MARK LANGHAM - SR ANN SWAILES OP - FR PHILIP MOLLER SJ

SENIOR MEMBERS' DISCUSSION GROUP

If you are a senior member interested discussing the Pope's exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, there will be a first session on Thursday 30 June at 6.00pm in the Fisher House dining room. Professor John Morrill has kindly agreed to act as convenor of this group. Please contact Fr Mark (ml709) for further details.

COUNTING HOUSE VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to those who have volunteered to help with counting the Sunday collection. Fr Mark contact you soon to draw up a rota. If you would like to help, please contact him on ml709.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Many thanks to those who have made this a great success. We take a break now, but will continue next term.

SACRED LINEN ROTA

Thanks also to those who have done such great work here. The rota will be renewed in the coming week!

SR ANN

has been accepted to begin her studies for PhD next academic year. We are thrilled and excited, and wish her the very best!

GARDEN PARTY

The Fisher House Garden Party will be held on Thursday 16 June, 3.00pm, in the beautiful grounds of the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, 12-14 Grange Road. Come, drain the Pimms ...



VACATION MASS TIMES

Masses next weekend, 19 June, will be on the normal term-time schedule: Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 9.00am and 11.00am. On 26 June, Sunday Mass will be at 12.00 noon - and will be celebrated with past members of the Fisher House Schola. Thereafter, Sunday Masses will be celebrated at 10.30am only. Weekday Masses will all (including Mondays) be celebrated at 1.05pm. Please keep an eye on the notice boards for details.

Fisher House will remain open during the summer vacation.

LEAVERS' BBQ

After Mass today, following the 11.00am Mass, on the terrace. Free for leavers, and £2 for all others. Fr Philip will be cooking up a feast (possibly under an umbrella) on our new barbeques.



MASS TO CONCLUDE MAY WEEK

On Wednesday at 7.30pm (usual Friday evening format) followed by Exposition until 9.00pm. Confessions will be available. The Black Swan Bar will be open afterwards.

FLAME CONFERENCE MARCH 2017

Following on from the above item - If you have not yet signed up for the FLAME Conference, reminder to do so! Alternatively, you may contact Justin on yhjn2.

KEEP IN TOUCH

If you are leaving Cambridge for good, please make sure you fill in the forms outside the chapel, so that we can keep in touch with you!

CAFOD

CAFOD, the Catholic Church's agency for Overseas aid and development, has contacted us to thank us for the Lenten Appeal donation of £455.32. We are looking to revive the chaplaincy CAFOD group - if you are interested in helping to run it, please see Fr Mark.

SUMMER WORKS

Agreement was reached this week on significant improvements to the Fisher Room and its kitchen. This work, which will take place over the summer, will make the kitchen easier to use and provide more storage, and will enhance the facilities in the Fisher Room itself.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Rebecca Krier, who has been received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Fisher House this weekend.

HAPPY VACATION!

This is the last newsletter of the year. Sr Ann, Fr Philip and Fr Mark wish you all, and your families, a restful and happy summer.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

£329.64

Thank you!