

## BRAVE NEW WORLD

I couldn't believe the news this week; a massive cyber-attack on computer systems throughout the world, leading to the shutting down much of the NHS in this country, Gas supplies in Spain, railways in Germany, and a large part of the Russian Government. This is the stuff of science-fiction, imagined by E. M. Foster in *The Machine Stops* where a total dependence on machines leads to mankind's downfall.

How quickly and carelessly we have become dependent upon computers. Without thinking, we log in each morning, we share our virtual social lives, we update ourselves on the news. There is much about this that is perfectly wonderful. I wanted the recipe for Hollandaise Sauce this morning (I spotted some nice asparagus in the market); I had it at the click of a button. And I didn't have to think twice.

This cyber-attack, however, reveals our lack of back-up, the way we cease to supply alternatives. That goes for data in hospitals, but it also goes for creativity and imagination. At its best, the Web expands our minds: at its worst it diminishes and replaces our imagination.

This is a very new world for us of a certain age. A student once asked me if my current CRSID address was the same as when I was an undergraduate. Her mouth fell open when I informed her that we had no computers in those far distant days! That is why we need to hear from the younger generation, listen to their questions and vision, respond to their needs. Pope Francis has devoted the next Synod of worldwide Bishops, in 2018, to young people. His title is *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*. He wants to hear from young adults, to help imagine this world that so challenges those of an older outlook. You can respond to his call, by answering the questionnaire prepared by our Bishops: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll)

*Fr Mark*



## FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 14 May: 5th Sunday of Easter

### CALENDAR: WEEK III OF TERM

Sunday 14	<b>5th SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 9.00 Sung Latin Mass 11.00 Sung English Mass
Monday 15	1.05 Mass
Tuesday 16	1.05 Mass
Wednesday 17	1.05 Mass 12.30 <i>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament</i>
Thursday 18	1.05 Mass
Friday 19	12.30 Mass 7.30 <i>Compline</i>
Saturday 20	1.05 Mass (EF) <i>St Bernadine of Siena</i> 4.30 - 5.30 <i>Confessions</i> 6.00 Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday 21	<b>6th SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 9.00 Sung Latin Mass 11.00 Sung English Mass

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

### SYNOD YOUTH POLL

In preparation for the 2018 General Synod in Rome on 'Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment', Pope Francis has asked for consultation with young people. The Bishops of England and Wales have issued an online survey and it would be good for you to take part:

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### CATHOLICISM FOR THE CURIOUS

On Friday: a short talk on varied aspects of the Catholic faith, over lunch. 1.15pm. This week, Fr Mark on '*Just War*'. This will be the last CfC of the year.

### WEEKDAY LUNCH

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

### COMPLINE

At 7.30pm on Fridays, the perfect way to end the week at this busy time.

### JOHN PHILLIPS RIP

The 1.05 Mass on Monday 15 will be the funeral of John, who, with his wife Claire, supplied the catering for Fisher House for many years. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

### GRADSOC

The GradSoc meets next Wednesday (17 May), for dinner and a 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.

### 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.

### TEA AND SYMPATHY

There will be tea and cakes available on Tuesday in the Fisher Room at 4.00pm.

And don't forget Sr Ann's open office on Friday; drop in for tea and a chat (and lots of cake) at any time between 3.00pm and 5.00pm.

### COLLEGE PRAYER COMMUNITIES

The southern prayer community will meet tonight, 14 May from 7.00pm - 7.45pm in FF31, Cripps Court, Queens' College. This is for students of the following colleges: *Clare Hall, Corpus, Darwin, Downing, Emmanuel, Homerton, Hughes Hall, King's, Newnham, Pembroke, Peterhouse, Queens', St Catharine's, Selwyn, Wolfson.*

### THE FISHER DINNER

The social event of the Chaplaincy year takes place at Peterhouse on Thursday 15 June. Dinner at 7.00pm, preceded by drinks at Fisher House at 6.00pm.

Ticket prices are £35 for dinner with wine, £29 for just dinner.

There are only 110 places for dinner, so sign up either online via the Fisher Society Facebook page, or on the sheet outside the chapel.

The Dinner will of course be followed by the all-night Fisher Party - an extravaganza of games, music, dancing, entertainment and gelato!

### 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 Fr Mark 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 Keys of the Kingdom*, with Gregory Peck as a dashing priest (a very dashing priest indeed) facing questions of conscience in revolutionary China. 50p entry. Popcorn 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 (mhl2). 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

**£438.67**

Thank you!