

MYSTERIES OF LIGHT

In October 2002, one of my Dominican sisters was leading the rosary after Mass and invited the congregation to pray the “the new mysteries”, the mysteries of light that the then Pope, St John Paul II, had recently proposed. One elderly lady was perplexed. “He’s not getting rid of the old ones, is he?” she demanded. Of course he wasn’t. Over the centuries, praying the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries of the rosary, reflecting on the infancy, suffering and resurrection of Jesus, has brought countless people closer to the Lord. So why the luminous mysteries? Why did the school of Mary, as St John Paul called the rosary, need this addition to its curriculum?

In the first place, pondering Christ’s baptism, his first miracle at Cana, his call to preach the gospel, his appearing in glory on the mountaintop before his Passion and his giving himself to his Church in the Eucharist fills a lengthy gap in the gospel story. In fact there is absolutely no reason why we shouldn’t take any story of Jesus teaching, feeding or healing his people, and reflect lovingly on it as the beads pass through our fingers. Or we could choose passages from the Old Testament that point to him, a series of his titles (perhaps those he gives himself in St John’s Gospel – the bread of life, the true vine and so on) or even experiences from our own lives which have spoken to us of his presence. These are all beautiful ways of praying the rosary, and the introduction of the “new” mysteries of light can encourage us to be creative here.

And we can turn the mysteries of light into intercession, linking each of them with a particular prayer intention: thinking in turn, for instance, of the newly baptized, married couples, missionaries, persecuted Christians, and priests as they prepare to celebrate Mass.

Above all, these mysteries each reveal something of who it is who is at the centre of our prayer whenever we say the rosary. This, indeed, is why they are called luminous: they shed light on who Jesus is for us. He is the one who comes to stand with us in our need for God’s healing, makes us drunk with joy, teaches us the way to his Father, assures us that sorrow will not have the last word in our lives, and comes to live within us in Holy Communion. They take nothing away from the “old” mysteries, but deepen our appreciation of them. They help us to see the rosary, in St John Paul’s words, as “a true doorway to the depths of the heart of Christ, ocean of joy and light, of suffering and of glory.”

Sr Ann



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 15 October: 28th Sunday of the Year

CALENDAR: WEEK II OF TERM

Sunday 15	28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.00 Sung Latin Mass 11.00 Sung English Mass	
Monday 16	1.05 Mass	
Tuesday 17	1.05 Mass	<i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>
Wednesday 18	1.05 Mass 12.30 <i>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament</i>	<i>St Luke, Evangelist</i>
Thursday 19	1.05 Mass	<i>St Jean de Brebeuf et comp.</i>
Friday 20	1.05 Mass 7.30 <i>Evening Prayer</i>	<i>St Edward the Confessor</i>
Saturday 21	1.05 Mass 4.30 - 5.30 <i>Confessions</i> 6.00 Vigil Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 22	29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.00 Sung Latin Mass 11.00 Sung English Mass	

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

EVENING PRAYER

At 7.30pm on Fridays, and exposition - the perfect moment to end the week at this busy time.

CAROLINE DIVINE READING GROUP



On Mondays at 8.00pm in the Great Chamber, we discuss Thomas Traherne's *Centuries of Devotion*. Written privately for a friend, it is a handbook of meditation and instructions. It has been called a *divine and a human love story*. Wine and viol music provided.

COMPANIONS OF THE ORDER OF MALTA

Our Hospital Volunteering Programme at Addenbrooke's Hospital is perfect for all medicals doctors and all who enjoy community service. If you are interested in helping at Addenbrooke's on Saturdays during Lent Term please sign up at <http://bit.ly/COMC>-Addenbrookes.

DAILY LUNCH

Lunch is provided each day in the Fisher Room, priced an incredible £1.50, from 1.00pm.

TUESDAY TALKS: APOLOGIA

A new Fisher House initiative investigating Catholic doctrine and life: every Tuesday come at 7.00pm to the Fisher Room for supper, followed by a talk, some time of prayer, and then to the Black Swan Bar. First talk is on Tuesday 17 October, when Fr Philip will speak on '*God, Grace and Nature*.' All welcome. Apologia has a facebook page (navigate via Fisher House), so that you can see the programme of talks for the term.

GRADSOC

This week, come to Queens' College for Evensong, Dinner, and Port. Wednesday 18; just turn up at Queens' Porters' Lodge at 6.00pm.

BLACK SWAN BAR

Fisher House's own bar is open every Friday night after Vespers at 8.15pm. Come along for a great selection of beers and spirits. You won't find cheaper elsewhere!



ADVANCE PARTY

The Annual *Saints and Sinners* party will take place on Friday 27 October. Come dressed as your favourite saint ... or, indeed, sinner. A prize for the best costume.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

A Catholic charity supporting the persecuted Church throughout the world. There will be a presentation on Monday 16 October by Fr Salar Kajo is the parish priest of St George's Church, Teleskeof, a Christian town badly damaged by Daesh (ISIS) and other militant groups. He is a key project partner for ACN which is repairing damaged homes and St George's Church, and he will explain the situation and include personal experience. 7.30pm Fisher Room, with time for discussion, and a drinks reception.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

SVP meetings will be restarting on the 20th October at 6pm in the Fisher Room (involving a time for prayer and reflection and discussion of our work). This is a vital support to the nightly work of feeding the homeless.

WEBSITE

There is an up-to-date calendar of services and events on the Fisher House website.

REGISTRATION

You need to register with Fisher House, so that you can receive regular postings, and so that your University Card will give you access to the Fisher Room and library. Fill in a form outside the chapel.

BENSON CLUB



Fisher House's book club. This term we read Evelyn Waugh's classic '*Brideshead Revisited*'. We will meet to discuss it in the Great Chamber on Thursday 19 October. Wine provided. Bring your own grapes.

FILM CLUB

We are making things easy for you: on Sunday nights, we will be showing Granada TV's *Brideshead Revisited* - widely acknowledged as one of the first TV adaptations of all time. 8.00pm in the Fisher Room

WE CAN MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC TOGETHER

We have two choirs: the Schola sings at the 9.00am Latin Mass; the English Choir at the 11.00am Mass. If you would care to join, contact James Martin (Schola) on jwm51, or James Grimwood (English choir) on jag217.

FISHER SOCIETY FACEBOOK PAGE

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COLLECTION LAST WEEK

£351.37

Thank you!