

REMEMBERING FRIENDS

Yet if you should forget me for a while
and afterwards remember, do not grieve;
for if the darkness and corruption leave
a vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
better by far you should forget and smile
than you should remember and be sad.

We are all trying to rationalise our feelings at the end of the year, whether we are leaving ourselves, or others we know are leaving. Christina Rossetti makes the point (she is good at heartbreak) that we cannot hold those we have loved in our thoughts all the time. We forget; we make other friends, we have new communities to join. But the memory of friendship is there, and memory can raise a smile, a smile which brings the past into the present, and makes our absent friends present once more. I have noticed how close friends, as they go their separate ways and engage with their new situations, do not need to be in touch constantly. They are not texting each other daily, or scanning Facebook, or tweeting their thoughts on an hourly basis. They get on with their new lives, they immerse themselves in their world. But when they do meet up, it is as if they never parted. They simply pick up from where they were; there is an ease to the reunion. They have a confidence in that bond, a knowledge that it does not need to be continually expressed to remain strong. Like metal that is soldered and cools, the join may be no longer white-hot, but it is strong and unbreakable. Such friendship draws its strength from God's love for us. We cannot, and certainly do not, think of God all the time. Yet we are constantly in his heart, his memory; that holds us in being. And when we do remember him, it is as though we never forgot him. No fuss, no trumpets, - just the warmth of familiar love. The relationship is always there, even if unspoken. May your friendships with each other remain strong through the years ahead, and be nourished by many happy reunions.

Fr Mark



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 18 JUNE: CORPUS CHRISTI

CALENDAR: WEEK VIII OF TERM

Sunday 18	MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST 9.00 Sung Latin Mass 11.00 Sung English Mass (Leavers' Mass)
Monday 19	1.05 Mass
Tuesday 20	1.05 Mass <i>St Alban</i>
Wednesday 21	1.05 Mass <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>
Thursday 22	1.05 Mass <i>STS JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE</i>
Friday 23	1.05 Mass <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>
Saturday 24	1.05 Mass <i>Nativity of St John the Baptist</i> 4.30 - 5.30 Confessions <i>No Vigil Mass</i>
Sunday 25	12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10.30 Mass

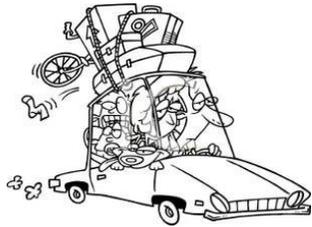
MONS. MARK LANGHAM : SR ANN SWAILES OP : FR PHILIP MOLLER SJ

SYNOD YOUTH POLL

The Church wants to hear the opinion of young adults ahead of the Synod on Young People next year. Please complete the survey on:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll

COLLEGE REPS



If you are leaving Cambridge this year, please nominate another rep for your College and let Fr Mark know.

STUDENTS FOR LIFE GARDEN PARTY

Friday 23 June, 2.00pm Pembroke College; relax with pimms and afternoon tea and enjoy some live acoustic and a cappella music, as well as other fun surprises!

All profits from the event will be split between Cambridge Crisis Pregnancy Centre, Adoption UK, and Gingerbread. Tickets £8

Booking details on the Fisher Society Facebook Page.

LEAVERS' BARBEQUE



Today, following the Leavers' Mass, there will be our farewell barbeque on the terrace. Free for leavers, all others £2. Come and see Fr Philip in his natural habitat.

FISHER HOUSE GARDEN PARTY



In the beautiful garden of the Margaret Beaufort Institute (walk through to the back of the building) 12-14 Grange Road on Wednesday 21 June. All are welcome. Cucumber sandwiches will be plentiful, and the Pimms flows 3.00pm - 5.30pm.

ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

Accommodation available for postgraduate/mature woman student for the new academic year in the Dominican Convent, 153, Huntingdon Road. For more details, contact Sr Ann (acs92).

CLEARING LIBRARY AND FISHER ROOM KITCHEN

Please remove any belongings you have in these public areas, or hanging on the hooks in the entrance lobby.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Fisher House remains open during the summer months, with daily Mass at 1.05pm (not 12.30 on Fridays). On Sunday, Mass will be at 10.30am only.

COMPANIONS OF MALTA

The Cambridge Companions will begin a volunteering programme at Addenbrooke's on Saturdays in Michaelmas Term. Commitment to an 8-week session is needed. If interested please contact Matthew Schellhorn on Cambridge.companions@gmail.com.

NEW CARD SYSTEM

The card 'reader', which will upload the cards onto the new system, is being further modified. The system will be put into operation over the summer, ready for the new academic year.

FILM NIGHT

Tonight, Sunday, 8.00pm in the Fisher Room, *El Dorado*, a cartoon romp through the forests of the New World in search of the fabled lost city of gold. A riot of laughter and lunacy.

BOOK RECALL



Please return any books you have borrowed from the library before the end of term, or the dogs will be set upon you.

KEEPING IN CONTACT

We ask those of you who are leaving Cambridge at the end of this academic year to fill in a 'Keep in Contact Form', available outside the chapel. This will enable us to send you our annual news letter.

*Fr Mark, Sr Ann, Fr Philip
Wish you a delightful
May Week and a restful
and happy summer.*

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

£294.90

Thank you!