

UNITY IN THE SPIRIT

In the scriptures today there is a clear expectation present in those gathered; “When the day of Pentecost had come”. The New Testament writers are very precise and intentional when including details. The fact that those in the room receiving the Holy Spirit had gathered, an intentional act, in expectation, is significant. Our intentionality affects how the spirit works within us, not the Gifts offered in themselves, but whether such gifts will shine through in our lives. If we wish to close ourselves to grace, we cannot turn of the tap at source, but we can stop it getting where it was directed. Such is the power, the dignity, and the danger of free will. Those in the room were there to receive, they were radically open to such gifts.

We might ask ourselves today. Am I living with an open heart to the Spirit? Do I expect to be changed? Am I sacred of the mission that will accompany the flourishing of my gifts in the Spirit?

This mission though is not just about us as an individual, it is part of an intimate unity in the work and life of the Spirit. Our gifts as individuals will form part of that corporate, living reality that is the Body of Christ. In fact, in the Gospel, Christ identifies his followers’ work with His own, and commissions them as a continuation of His presence. That same Spirit that all of creation came about in. That Holy Spirit that is consubstantial with the Father and Son, true God, is the Spirit in whom we work as participants in the salvific work of Jesus Christ.

This participation in the work of Christ is universal. St Augustine notes that at Pentecost the Spirit gave each the ability to speak all languages, not just one. This is a sign of the universality of the Church, it is symbolic of who Jesus is. Jesus, the Church, is intended for all and always, not one amongst many. Just as we direct the parts of our own bodies in unity so the Spirit directs us all in His purposes. This universality of the body of Christ is seen in the creation of one man, firstly, in Genesis. This is not about man vs woman, rather it highlights that we are all unified in that nature that Christ took on. Such a nature is animated by the same Spirit in each of us.

Ryan



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 24th May - 31st Pentecost Sunday

CALENDAR

Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday 8.00am

Sunday 24	PENTECOST SUNDAY 9.00am Sung Latin Mass 11.00am Sung English Mass
Monday 25	12.30pm Mass Saint Bede the Venerable
Tuesday 26	1.05pm Mass Saint Philip Neri
Wednesday 27	1.05pm Mass Saint Augustine of Canterbury 12.30pm <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Thursday 28	1.05pm Mass
Friday 29	1.05pm Mass 7.30pm Mass
Saturday 30	1.05pm Mass 4.30—5.30pm <i>Confessions</i> 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 31	TRINITY SUNDAY <i>No 9.00am Mass today.</i> 11.00am Mass with Consecration of the Altar Archbishop Malcom McMahon OP

CONSECRATION MASS

Next Sunday, 31 May, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon of Liverpool will consecrate our new altar at 11.00am Mass. Owing to the preparations for this ceremony, there will be no 9.00am Mass. A buffet lunch will follow. Although study commitments are heavy, we hope to see a good number at this great moment in the history of Fisher House.

THE FISHER DINNER

The main social event in the Fisher House calendar takes place at Newnham College on 11 June. The guest of honour is Professor Robin Kirkpatrick. Tickets are available after Mass, or online via the Fisher Society Facebook page (under the 'events' tag). £30.00 drinking, or £25.50 non-drinking; if you need any help with this sum, please see Fr Mark.

PAID WORK!

One student is needed to help with the annual library stocktaking, from 10 to 13 June, for 12 hours in all - exact hours to be agreed with the Librarian. Pay £7.60 per hour. Contact Dr Anne Cobby (aec25)

FR MARK

will be away in Rome next week for his anniversary celebrations. Sr Ann and Ryan will more than manage to hold the fort.

CONSIDER YOUR CALL

On Tuesday 9 June, Deacon Philip Cunnah will speak about how to discern your Vocation. This talk is open not just to those thinking of a religious or priestly vocation! Wine provided as standard.

CORPUS CHRISTI

On Sunday 7 June, there will be a Corpus Christi procession, beginning at Our Lady and the English Martyrs at 2.00pm. Fr Mark will be preaching.

FR BRUNO'S ULTRAMARATHON

Fr Bruno will be running a 68-mile ultra-marathon on 26 June! He's hoping to raise £6,000 for training the new generation of Dominican Friars. Please sponsor him if you can via www.justgiving.com/BrunoCliftonOP/

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Saturday 8.00am, followed by breakfast in the Fisher Room.

LIBRARY RECALL

All books on loan from the library must be returned by 8 June for stocktaking to begin.

SR ANN'S OPEN OFFICE

Drop in for tea, cake, conversation! 3 - 5pm on Friday.

ALL IN PROJECT

A new project is being launched by young Catholics aiming to create a wall of witness to the faith. If interested in being a witness please contact Ryan: ryanchristopher-day@gmail.com

THE FISHER BAR

Open every Friday 8.00-11.30pm. A wide selection of drinks available at great prices. Why not bring somebody new along this term?

COFFEE AFTER 11AM MASS

Do join us in the Fisher room. Meet new people and help grow our community. Followed by an informal trip to a college brunch!

SAINTS AND SCONES

Sunday 4.30, as usual, but for this week only in the Fisher Room, showing a film about the life of St Vincent de Paul.

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF STONE

On Saturday 30th May there is the opportunity to visit a beautiful Marian shrine rich in Catholic history. There will be a talk on Our Lady, Mother of the Church by Sr Ann, a rosary procession and Mass. The minibus leaves from Cambridge c8am, returning c8pm, cost c£25. See Sr Ann if you interested in taking part.

ART EXHIBITS

If you have not yet collected your artwork, please come to Fisher House dining room during the week, where it is available.

CAFOD NEPAL APPEAL

CAFOD has written to the Chaplaincy to thank us for our donation of £470.31 towards this appeal.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 14 June - Leavers' BBQ
Thursday 18 June - Fisher House Garden Party

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Caroline and Maria.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Collection last week: £511

Thank you!