

## PATRONS AND FELLOW STUDENTS

John Fisher has, like Cardinal Manning, suffered by comparison to a more charismatic companion. Everyone knows of Cardinal Newman, although arguably it was Manning who did more to shape Catholicism in this country. Fisher's co-martyr, Thomas More, stands as a colossus astride our Catholic consciousness. He has films made about him, articles written in defence of him. He tugs at our hearts; an attractive, witty, family man – a man for all seasons.

John Fisher by comparison seems austere, dry, demanding. After his execution, when his residence at Rochester was searched, his locked safe yielded no gold or land records, but only the leather whip that he used in his devotions. His portrait doesn't help – the much reworked Holbein drawing that shows a sunken, skull-like face (surprisingly similar to Manning's); hard to warm to. It reads austerity, resolve. This is a man who placed a skull on his table during meals to banish thoughts of worldly pleasure.

There is another image of John Fisher, though; the portrait bust by Torrigiano - a fine copy of which stands in St John's Dining Hall. A few decades before the Holbein image, yet recognisably the same man, austere, yes, but with more hope, more assurance. More approachable. This is the charismatic figure who charmed and emboldened the King's mother, who inspired Erasmus, who transformed Cambridge scholarship and Cambridge itself, who devoted his life to pastoral work among the poor.

This year we celebrate St John's feast on the Feast of the Martyrs of England and Wales, who number among them thirty-seven Cambridge graduates. Men who walked the same streets that we do, who in many cases went to our Colleges, strolled in the same courts and staircases that we do. One of the points of saints is that they are family; they take a special interest in those who are connected to them, who live and work where they lived and worked. We know they are praying for us now. We ask St John and the martyrs of Cambridge to help us in our time at Cambridge and beyond, and to bear fearless witness to Christ throughout our lives.

Fr Mark

*The annual celebration of our patron, the Fisher Mass, takes place at Great St Mary's on Monday, at 12.00 noon. The preacher is the Most Rev'd George Stack, Archbishop of Cardiff. A buffet lunch follows at Fisher House. All are welcome.*



## FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 3rd May - 10th Fifth Sunday of Easter

### CALENDAR

Sunday 3	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 9.00am Sung Latin Mass 11.00am Sung English Mass
Monday 4	<b>12.00pm FISHER MASS</b> (English Martyrs) Great St Mary's Church
Tuesday 5	1.05pm Mass
Wednesday 6	1.05pm Mass 12.30pm <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Thursday 7	No Mass
Friday 8	1.05pm Mass 7.30pm Mass
Saturday 9	1.05pm Mass 4.30—5.30pm <i>Confessions</i> 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 10	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> 09.00am Sung Latin Mass 11.00am Sung English Mass

### **FISHER MASS**

The annual Mass in honour of St John Fisher takes place tomorrow, Monday 4 May, in Great St Mary's at 12 noon. The preacher will be Archbishop George Stack of Cardiff. Following Mass there will be a buffet lunch at Fisher House. All welcome.

### **FISHER DINNER**

The Fisher Dinner will take place at Newnham College on 11 June. 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).

### **QUIZ NIGHT**

On Friday there will be a Quiz Night, in the Fisher Room, starting at 8.15. All are welcome.

### **COFFEE**

After the 11am Mass in the Fisher Room. Please do join us.

### **GENERAL ELECTION**

The Fisher Room will be used as a polling station on Thursday, so there will be no Mass that day. Access to the library will be only via the front door of the old Fisher House.

### **NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**

There will be a collection after Mass for CAFOD's appeal for the victims of the Nepal Earthquake. Your gift will provide life-saving food, water, shelter and emergency supplies. You can also donate online at [cafod.org.uk/Nepal](http://cafod.org.uk/Nepal).

### **APOLOGETICS GROUP**

Meets in the Library on Saturdays at 7pm. Wine provided. This week: *Understanding sacrifice*. Fr Bruno Clifton OP.

### **TERM CARDS**

Cards are available outside the chapel. College Reps are asked to collect the bundles for their colleges, and to make sure that the Chaplain or Dean of your College receives ones.

### **FISHER HOUSE STASH**

Please see the notice board for details of Fisher House branded hoodies, shirts, scarves, mugs and cuff-links. Orders need to be made by 10 May

### **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?

### **LUNCH**

Is available in the Fisher Room every weekday during term, for £1.50.

### **NIGHTFEVER AT OLEM**

On Friday 9 - 11pm there will be exposition of the blessed sacrament in a candlelit church as part of parish outreach to those walking our Cambridge streets. Ryan will be leaving from the Fisher Room at 9.45pm to return for last orders at the Fisher Bar. Do come!

### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

*Collection last week: £278.05*  
Thank you!

### **SAINTS AND SCONES**

Sunday 4.30pm, Sr Ann's room. Discuss a Saint of the Church. Tea and scones as standard.

### **ALL IN PROJECT**

Willing to exhibit your faith? 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: [ryanchristopherday@googlemail.com](mailto:ryanchristopherday@googlemail.com)

### **SR ANN'S OPEN OFFICE**

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

### **FACEBOOK & WEBSITE**

Stay up to date during the vacation through the Fisher Society Facebook page, to be found at: [www.facebook.com/groups/fishersociety/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/fishersociety/) - And our website, with its calendar of events: [www.srcf.ucam.org/fisherhouse](http://www.srcf.ucam.org/fisherhouse)

### **COLLECTION COUNTERS**

**NEXT WEEK:** Theo and Josh