

THE SHOCK OF THE NEW

In unfamiliar surroundings, we seek what is known, anything to which we are accustomed. In Beijing a MacDonald's drew from me a sigh of familiarity; in the exotic and (to me) strange landscape of upper Ghana, it was a red British post box that comforted me. Naturally, we look for what we can understand, we search out the face in a crowd that means something to us, we scan unfamiliar languages for some words that strike a chord.

In the unknown terrain of Cambridge (and I don't mean the city geography - you will learn that in a few days) you will find yourself without many of the familiar signposts and supports of years gone by. I remember the first time I went shopping in Sainsbury's as a student: I had no idea what to buy, or what to do with it when I did. I didn't know how to write a cheque (we used them in those days) or manage a bank account, or where to buy socks. More importantly, I had never come across so many new ideas, ways of thinking and behaving that were strange, alien to me. I had never come across so many questions, so many comments about what I did and what I believed, so many different ways of looking at things.

It is all exhilarating and to be embraced. If you were the sort of person to avoid a challenge, you wouldn't be at this university. If you didn't think you could manage being questioned, you could have stayed at home in your armchair. Student life must mean new ways of thinking, new challenges. But at the same time, we need to be equipped for it, we need some nourishment for the stamina we shall need. Through the sacraments (pre-eminently the Eucharist and Confession), at talks and discussions, in the library, in conversation with other Fisher House students, you will find those signposts, pointing you on your way, familiar marks of faith. It is a thriving and delightful chaplaincy - do make good use of it!

Fr Mark

**This Friday, you can discover some of the groups and activities that take place at Fisher House:
from 8.15pm in the Black Swan Bar.**



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 8 October: 27th Sunday of the Year

CALENDAR: WEEK I OF TERM

Sunday 8	27th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.00 Sung Latin Mass 11.00 Sung English Mass - 'Freshers' Mass'
Monday 9	1.05 Mass <i>Bl. J.H. Newman</i>
Tuesday 10	1.05 Mass
Wednesday 11	1.05 Mass 12.30 <i>Exposition of Blessed Sacrament</i>
Thursday 12	1.05 Mass <i>St Wilfrid</i>
Friday 13	1.05 Mass <i>St Edward the Confessor</i> 7.30 <i>Evening Prayer</i>
Saturday 14	1.05 Mass 4.30 - 5.30 <i>Confessions</i> 6.00 Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday 15	28th 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, 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 meet to discuss Thomas Traherne's *Centuries of Devotion* - his spiritual discoveries in his search for 'felicity'. Written privately for a

friend, it is a handbook of meditation and instructions. It has been called a "divine and a human love story."

COMPANIONS OF THE ORDER OF MALTA

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

COLLEGE REPS

Don't forget your bundles of termcards!

TUESDAY TALKS: APOLOGIA

A new Fisher House initiative investigating Catholic doctrine and life: every Tuesday come at 7.00pm to the Fisher Room for a cooked supper, followed by a talk, some time of prayer, and then to the Black Swan Bar. First talk is on Tuesday 10 October, when Fr Mark will speak on *'Living a Catholic life at University.'* All welcome. Apologia has a facebook page (navigate via Fisher House), so that you can see the programme of talks for the term.

GRADSOC WELCOME DRINKS

Grads and PostDocs are invited to the Great Chamber, next Wednesday 11 October, at 8.00pm for drinks to meet the chaplains.

ECUMENISM AND INTER-FAITH GROUP

Meeting every other Thursday in term, a chance to hear from key figures in other Christian traditions and faith communities. First talk at 7.30pm by Revd Boris Gunjević, tutor in philosophy of religion at Westfield House, on Lutheranism.

WEBSITE

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

DAILY LUNCH

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

FRESHERS' MASS

After 11.00am Mass today, join us for wine and food (a frequently recurring theme at Fisher House) in the Fisher Room.



FISHER HOUSE FRESHERS' FAIR

In case Kelsey Kerridge didn't sate your appetite, next Friday we will hold our own Fisher House Societies' Fair, in the Fisher Room and Library, from 8.15pm. The Black Swan Bar will be open throughout.

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 in the Fisher Room by Fr Martin Banni from Iraq, who as a seminarian in August 2014 fled ISIS holding the Blessed Sacrament, and has now returned to his village.

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.

BLACK SWAN BAR

Our very own bar, in the Fisher Room, open every Friday evening from 8.30pm, and on other occasions. A great selection of beers and spirits, at excellent prices!



BENSON CLUB
Fisher House's book club. This term we read Evelyn Waugh's classic *'Brideshead Revisited'*. We will meet to discuss it on Thursday 19 October.

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.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

£371.67

Thank you!