

OUR FRIENDS - THE SAINTS

We're not used to thinking of friendship as a vocation, but a university is a prime place to cultivate such a sensibility. Each of us has a unique gift for friendship, that is, a particular way of creating the sort of spaces where we can "come home" to each other in laughter, virtue, and vulnerability and recognize in each other "another self." The start of a term is a time to celebrate the return of old friendships and to anticipate the discovery of new ones. The possibility of friendship, though, isn't just with the people we meet in our colleges, faculties, and chaplaincies.

The saints themselves are keen to know us as friends. Sometimes, it's even as if they go out of their way to introduce themselves to us. This past Saturday we celebrated the feast of St. Edward the Confessor. St. Edward is one of my patron saints. I chose his name for confirmation because I thought it was cool he was a king, and I was inspired by his generosity toward the poor. I didn't really like his name, though, and he wasn't that well known in the United States, so I quickly forgot about him once the oil had dried. Ten years later, I found myself applying to the seminary for my religious order, the Congregation of Holy Cross, at the University of Notre Dame, and I learned that St. Edward also happens to be a major patron for Holy Cross because he was the personal patron of the first Holy Cross priest in the United States and the founder of Notre Dame. In fact, there's a statue of St. Edward on the campus of Notre Dame holding a replica of the basilica in which I would eventually profess my final vows and then be ordained to the priesthood.

I reflect now that it wasn't so much I who chose St. Edward at confirmation as St. Edward who chose me and took an interest in me. The saints are proactive in their generosity toward us. Sometimes, particular saints will make themselves known to us because they want a friendship that can benefit us now and unfold into an eternal source of joy. Friendship with the saints can teach us how to make friendship part of the vocational pattern of our lives, as well. Keep an eye open for their introductions!

Fr Chase



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 14 October - 28th of the Year

CALENDAR - TERM WEEK II

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| Sunday 14 | 28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | 9.00am | Sung Latin Mass |
| | | 11.00am | Sung English Mass |
| Monday 15 | 1.05pm | Mass | <i>St Theresa of Avila</i> |
| Tuesday 16 | 1.05pm | Mass | |
| Wednesday 17 | 1.05pm | Mass | <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i> |
| Thursday 18 | 1.05pm | Mass | <i>St Luke, Evangelist</i> |
| Friday 19 | 1.05pm | Mass | <i>St Jean de Brèbeuf & comp.</i> |
| Saturday 20 | 1.05pm | Mass in Maronite Rite | |
| | 4.30—5.30 | Confessions | |
| | 6.00pm | Vigil Mass of Sunday | |
| Sunday 21 | 29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR | 9.00am | Latin Mass |
| | | 11.00am | Sung English Mass |

FR MARK LANGHAM - SR ANN SWAILES OP - FR CHASE PEPPER CSC

**CUCA CONSTITUTION
EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING**

The Cambridge University Catholic Association, the body that manages Fisher House, is amending an important aspect of its constitution, to enable a new charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) to manage CUCA's affairs.

Full details are posted on the noticeboard. The changes must be ratified at a meeting after Mass on Sunday 25 November.

COLLEGE REPS

There are drinks for College Reps on Monday 15 October in the Great Chamber at 8.00pm.

MARONITE RITE MASS

The 1.05pm Mass next Saturday will be celebrated by the Maronite chaplaincy from London - a opportunity to experience this ancient Syrian liturgy.

**CICCU PRAYER AND
BREAKFAST**

On Monday 15 October at 8.00am in the Round Church, an opportunity to join the Christian Union at prayer. CICCU has issued a special invitation to Catholics to be there.

APOLOGIA

Our regular Tuesday meal and meeting continues on 16 October, at 7.00pm in the Fisher Room. Come for dinner, a talk, compline and the bar. Br Albert OP: will give a talk: *The Christian Life: is every believer a theologian?*

REGISTRATION CARD

If you are new to Cambridge, please make sure you fill out a card, available outside the chapel.

SVP – SOUP RUN

The Society of St Vincent de Paul commences its weekly meetings on Friday 19 October, at 6.00pm in the Fisher Room. Meantime, if you would like to take part in the nightly soup runs, please contact Claire Cosgrove on cc837.

**CAMBRIDGE CHURCHES
HOMELESSNESS PROJECT**

There are Volunteer recruitment evenings for CCHP: Tues 6 Nov. at Little St. Mary's 7.00pm. Friday 9 Nov at 8.00pm in the OLEM Parish centre & Wed 14 Nov at St. Paul's Hills Road 7.00pm .

BENSON CLUB

The book for this term is *Fr Elijah: an apocalypse*, by Michael O'Brien. We will meet to discuss it on Monday 26 November.

DR ERIC GRIFFITHS RIP

Dr Griffiths' funeral will take place at Fisher House at 11.00am on Friday 9 November.

**MINISTRIES AT FISHER
HOUSE**

We rely on members of the chaplaincy to help with our regular liturgies: if you would like to assist, please sign the lists outside the chapel.

ALTAR SERVERS

We need more servers at Mass on Sundays and/or on weekdays.

READERS

Good readers needed for Sunday Masses: you will be asked to one brief training session.

**MINISTERS OF
HOLY COMMUNION**

If you would like to be a minister of Holy Communion, please sign the list outside the chapel.

**SACRED LINEN
CLEANING**

We need volunteers to help wash the altar linen - with a good number of helpers, it need be only once a term!

DAILY LUNCH

Available Mon-Fri in the Fisher Room after Mass, £1.50.

BLACK SWAN BAR

Our chaplaincy bar is open on Friday evenings from 8.00pm for members of Fisher House.

GRAD & POSTGRAD SOC

On Wednesday at 7.30pm, Movie night. What will we see - it's up to you to choose! Popcorn etc on hand.

**QUAERO - THEOLOGY
FOR NON-BELIEVERS**

On Sunday at 3.30pm in the library, discussion of classic texts in an engaging and accessible way. Contact Reed on rjm228

**INTELLECTUAL
HOSPITALITY**

A space for thinking people to try out their ideas and explore wisdom. Sunday 14 October in the Old Library at Blackfriars 3.30-5.30 pm. Theme: "*Our Sources of Wisdom, our Questions of Wisdom*". Participants are invited to bring their sources of wisdom and the questions they'd like us to work on.

**WHAT HAVE ANGELS
EVER DONE FOR US?**

A forum chaired by Prof Kirkpatrick to spark a renewed interest in the theological questions and literary traditions of the angels across world religions and in popular culture. 19 October, 5.00pm, Emmanuel College Chapel. Contact: Ryan Haecker rh648.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

£441.68

Thank you!