

# MANY MANSIONS

Last week, we celebrated All Saints and All Souls Days, joining with the Church throughout the world in praise before the great artistry of God in the lives of his saints, and praying for our loved ones gone before us. Many nations and religious orders have their own All Saint's celebrations around this time of year; the whole of November is, of course the month of the dead. This weekend, as well as praying urgently for peace and remembering with gratitude the generosity and courage of our armed forces and their loved ones, Catholics also commend those who lost their lives in warfare to the mercy of God.

This reminds us of a great, but risky truth: we are, as Catholic Christians, members of a worldwide communion of love and sanctity, and it is right that we acknowledge this fact in the universal celebrations of the Church's calendar. But we also inhabit our own time and space, our own culture and inheritance. We are historical, flesh and blood beings, not interchangeable abstractions. And, because we are also not isolated atoms, but made through and for relationship, there will be some among that worldwide communion of love and sanctity who are in a special sense our own, our flesh and blood, even as we acknowledge gladly that we are all one body because we all share one bread which is the life of Christ given for the world. So it is profoundly appropriate, too, that particular groups within the Church also have their own feast days and family celebrations.

But there is another, more troublesome, side to all this. Think of those college war memorials which feature German, alongside obviously British names: all acknowledged together because they found a common home here in Cambridge. We pray for the war dead, or we should, without stopping to consider on whose side they fought, and without knowing the circumstances that drew them to the frontline, and yet each of them had a particular history, each of them was robbed of a particular earthly future. And, if we forget this, we risk diminishing their loss and the loss of those who lost them. Our common identity as children of God is important, but so too are our differences. And yet, it is these very differences which often threaten to tear us apart.

In my father's house, we are told, there are many mansions. Together they form that one fair and delectable place of which Julian of Norwich speaks, reached through the wounded side of Christ, in which there is room for all who will be saved to rest in peace and love, and where each will give endlessly to each in an everlasting communication of all that they are and have.

*Sr Ann*



## FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 10 November - 32nd Sunday of the Year

### CALENDAR - MICHAELMAS TERM WEEK V

Sunday 10	31 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
	9.00am	Sung Latin Mass
	11.00 am	Sung English Mass
Monday 11	1.05pm	Mass <i>St Martin of Tours</i>
	6.00pm	Requiem Mass (EF) for Mgr Gilbey
Tuesday 12	1.05pm	Mass <i>St Josaphat</i>
Wednesday 13	1.05pm	Mass
Thursday 14	12.30 - 1.00pm	Adoration
	1.05pm	Mass
Friday 15	1.05pm	Mass <i>St Albert the Great</i>
	7.30pm	Vespers and Meditation
Saturday 16	1.05pm	Mass <i>St Edmund of Abingdon</i>
	4.30 - 5.30	Confessions
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday 17	33 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	
	9.00am	Latin Mass
	11.00 am	Sung English Mass

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

## MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During November, a Book of Remembrance is available outside the chapel, to record the names of your loved ones who will be remembered at Mass.

## CAKE AND BOOK SALE

Next Sunday, following Mass, there will be a sale of cakes in the Fisher Room, with proceeds going towards the Homeless Project in Cambridge. There will also be a sale of remaindered books from the library.

## PRO-LIFE GROUP

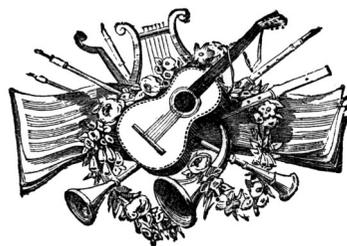
The group meets at 7.30pm on Monday to discuss 'Free Speech and Life issues.'

## UNIADVENT

Put your creativity online! UniAdvent is a social media campaign which shares Catholic students' art, music, writings and ramblings during Advent. Themes are hope, faith, love and Peace. Deadline for application - 24 Nov. For more info or applications please contact Chris Bird on cb2058.

## FISHER BITES

A new website contains talks, sermons and music from Fisher House. Find it via the Fisher House website, or on [www.chaplain89.wixsite.com/mysite](http://www.chaplain89.wixsite.com/mysite).



## GILBEY SCHOLARSHIPS

Fisher House offers scholarship for singers and organists. Gilbey Choral Scholars commit to Mass and rehearsal each week in term. The scholarship is £100. Gilbey Organ Scholars play at 9.00am Mass. The scholarship is worth £300. To apply, or for more information, contact Chris Hamilton (ch792) or Carlos Rodriguez (cr611).

## GILBEY REQUIEM

The annual Requiem Mass for Monsignor Gilbey, chaplain 1932-1965, will be held on Monday 11 November at 6.00pm. Refreshments available afterwards.

\*\* The Schola will sing a new setting of the *Missa Defunctorum* composed by our director, Carlos Rodriguez.

## LIBRARY

We now have an electronic catalogue, and books can be scanned out - but you need to fill in a simple form first, available in the library.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

**\$461.10**

*It costs £4,000 per week to run Fisher House.*

## CUCA AGM AND ELECTIONS

The CUCA Annual General Meeting will be held at 12:00 on 24 November 2019. Elections for positions on CUCA Council will take place at the AGM. The following positions are open: President (Prof Janet Soskice standing); Treasurer (Dr Damian Crowther standing); Secretary; Librarian (Alex Browne standing); and four Ordinary Members (Kate Allen, Claude Warnick, Florian Urmetzer, and Kristin Williams standing).

If you wish to stand for a position, please contact Dr Mark Retter at least 7 days before the meeting and arrange for your nomination to be proposed and seconded: [cuca\\_secretary@fisherhouse.org.uk](mailto:cuca_secretary@fisherhouse.org.uk). Dr Mark Retter Secretary, CUCA

## CUCA SECRETARY

Cambridge University Catholic Association is looking for a secretary, to support the work of the CUCA Council and Finance Committee. Please see the notice outside the chapel for details. Applications must be submitted by 17 November.

## SVP

Did you know that students go out from Fisher House each evening to feed the homeless in Cambridge? The operation is run by the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) which meets each Friday at 6.00pm in the Fisher Room. Contact Tara on tc538.

## NEWMAN SERIES



## NEWMAN THE ANGLICAN

On Thursday at 7.30pm, Revd Dr Jeremy Morris, Master of Trinity Hall, will speak on 'Newman the Anglican' in the chapel. All are welcome.

## APOLOGIA

On Tuesday in the Fisher Room. Come at 7.00pm for a meal, a talk at 8.00pm, followed by Compline and the Black Swan Bar. This week, Fr Chase will speak on *Evangelisation*.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We will commence adoration on Thursdays from 12.30pm to 1.00pm (just before Mass) in term time.

## HELP TO GET TO MASS

A student living in Wychfield, near Fitzwilliam College, needs help getting to Mass each Sunday. It is hoped we can establish a rota - and a taxi would be paid for if needed. Please contact Fr Mark on ml709.