

CHRIST THE KING

My first assignment after ordination was at a small, liberal arts, Catholic college (you all would call it a university) that my Holy Cross community runs in northeast Pennsylvania called King's College. Not to be confused with our own King's College here in Cambridge (Collegium Regale), this one is dedicated specifically to Christ the King (Collegium Christi Regis), and I was always intrigued by the fact that the college keeps multiple statues of Christ the King set up on its campus but two in particular that seem to send mixed messages.

The first statue to Christ the King stands (appropriately enough) on top of the school's central administration building. I used affectionately to call him "Sky Chief Jesus" because that's exactly the sort of ethos he gives off – twenty-four feet (680 kilograms) of soaring stone presiding and spreading his arms over the river valley in whose heart the college is nestled. You don't always see him because of how high he stands over the campus, but his presence testifies to the strength of the providence that has seen the college and its students through the first seventy-five years of its history.

The second statue sits right in front of the chapel. It's a nondescript man shrouded completely from head to foot, his one distinguishing feature being the nail mark in the hand that's reaching out to you from underneath the folds of his cloak, silently hoping for some signal of concrete mercy. The small plaque in front of him reading "Christ the King" lets you know rather plainly that when the college claims as its motto oportet eum regnare ("it is fitting that he should reign"), it doesn't just mean from on high or in state. It means also (perhaps even primarily) that Christ reigns in his humility, in his meekness, and in the odd cleverness by which he positions us to meet him providentially in the turns of service that we direct in his name toward our neighbour.

The solemnity of Christ the King forces us to rethink our common paradigms of power. When so many of our narratives carry on the idea of power being equated with winning, we are reminded that it is in losing our lives that we find them truly, and it is in laying down our defensiveness that we start to come into possession of a more genuine happiness. What sort of power or privilege is Christ the King asking us to lose a little more track of these days as individuals, as a community, and as a Church? We might find that it is just from those places that we are made ready to appear with him in glory when he comes again.

Fr. Chase, csc



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 24 November - CHRIST THE KING

CALENDAR - MICHAELMAS TERM WEEK VII

Sunday 24	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE		
	9.00am	Sung Latin Mass	
	11.00 am	Sung English Mass	
Monday 25	1.05pm	Mass	<i>St Catharine of Alexandria</i>
Tuesday 26	1.05pm	Mass	
Wednesday 27	1.05pm	Mass	
Thursday 28	12.30 - 1.00pm	Adoration	<i>St Juthwara,</i>
	1.05pm	Mass	
Friday 29	1.05pm	Mass	
	7.30pm	Vespers and Meditation	
Saturday 30	1.05pm	Mass	<i>St Andrew, patron of Scotland</i>
	4.30 - 5.30	Confessions	
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 1	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
	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.

DANTE CIRCLE

The Dante Circle gathers in the Great Chamber on Monday 25 November at 5.30pm to discuss *Inferno canto XXIII*. All welcome; texts and translations are provided. No knowledge of Italian necessary.

STASH

We have Fisher House branded ties, bow ties, mugs, scarves, and cufflinks, hoodies, jumpers or a polos, available for purchase. Some items we have in stock, others will need to be ordered. Order via the Fisher Society Facebook Page. Orders must be in by 1 December.

BOOK LAUNCH: OUTGROWING DAWKINS
Von Hugel Institute hosts the launch of 'Outgrowing Dawkins' by Rupert Shortt, a rebuttal of Richard Dawkins latest book 'Outgrowing God'. Thursday 28 November 4.00pm Garden Room at St Edmund's College.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

If you're in Cambridge over the new year, then come to our party! See the sign-up board.

GIVING TREE

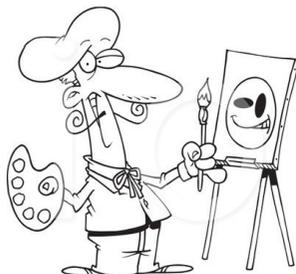
The SVP *Giving Tree* makes its annual appearance this weekend.



Simply take a pair of tags in your price range, buy the gift suggested, place the gift with one tag under the tree and hand the tag on the tree. It's a great way to give to those who are needy this Christmas.

FISHER HOUSE ART EXHIBITION

Calling all artists, whether you are a painter, photographer, sketcher, designer - we would like to repeat our very successful art exhibition of a few years ago. The dates will be 18 - 26 January. You are invited to submit three works each. Please let Fr Mark know on ml709 if you would like to take part.



GRADSOC:

LECTIO DIVINA N' PIZZA

Feed body and soul on Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Great Chamber (note change of date), as Fr Chase leads us in *lectio divina* over pizza.

CUCA AGM

AND ELECTIONS

The CUCA Annual General Meeting takes place this weekend in the chapel following 11.00am Mass. Please come and support the vital work CUCA undertakes for the chaplaincy.

PRO-LIFE GROUP

The group meets on Monday at 7.30pm in the Fisher Room where Elizabeth Parsons, Director of 'Advocacy for Life' will speak on *Stem Cells and Embryology*.

SCHOLA CONCERT

Our own Fisher House *Schola Cantorum* will be giving a concert in the chapel at Sidney Sussex on Wednesday 27 November, at 9.00pm.

SVP

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) operates the nightly soup runs. We always need more names on the rota. If you'd be willing to sign up, please contact Tara on tc538.

CONTACTLESS GIVING

You can donate £4 after 11.00am Mass via contactless giving. The machine will be available outside the chapel.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

£467.30

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

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, Sister Gemma Simmonds CJ (former assistant chaplain at Fisher House) will talk on *Holiness as Ordinary*.

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS



We will sing carols in the Grand Arcade to raise money for the SVP on Friday 6 December from 3.00pm to 6.00pm. All

are most welcome -- the more the merrier!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

on Thursday, to all our American students! Have a wonderful Celebration!

