

Standing Idle in the Market Mtt 20:3

The Market Place (or more correctly *Market Hill*) in Cambridge is one of Cambridge's glories. The market was already in operation when the University was founded, and has stood at the centre of the city since Saxon times. The other day the meat stall was offering beef from cattle grazing near the Fen Causeway - something that has been taking place for over a thousand years.

During those centuries it has known moments of high drama. In 1381, during the Peasants' Revolt, the city ledgers were burned there by the mob, while in 1557 under Catholic Queen Mary I, the bones of the Protestant reformer Martin Bucer were disinterred from Great St Mary's, and ceremonially burned in the Market Hill.

Water reached the city from Great Shelford via Hobson's Conduit, which still runs in channels down Trumpington Street, but which terminated in a fountain in the Market Hill. Alas, following a fire in 1856, the elegant Market Fountain dating from 1614 was moved (you can now see it at the corner of Lensfield Road). A large covered fountain took its place (see the photographs in the Fisher Room) - the stone canopy of which was dismantled and is now stored in the yard of the Museum of Cambridge, just above Magdalene. The base remains, but the supply of water to the fountain was cut off in 1960, during construction of the execrable Lion Yard, and has never been restored.

The City Council will this year engage in a public consultation to look at a new 'vision and design' for the Market that will 'improve its design' and 'realise its potential'. There were rumours of a plaza, with paving to encourage evening activity, but mercifully the cobbles were listed by campaigners in November last year. That's a cheer from this chaplain at least.

The Market provides a human-size space at the heart of town, one that caters to the quirks and eccentricities of people - books, flowers, fossils, and packets of sweets: I had my cassock repaired by a seamstress who comes in once a week. It reminds us that ingenuity, creativity and humour are human attributes that are a hymn of praise to our creator. I am never bored of the Market - in that, I think it is a little foretaste of heaven.

Fr Mark



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 16 February - 6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

CALENDAR - LENT TERM WEEK V

Sunday 16	6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	
	9.00am	Sung Latin Mass
	11.00 am	Sung English Mass
Monday 17	NO MASS	<i>Translation of St Audrey</i>
Tuesday 18	1.05pm	Mass
Wednesday 19	1.05pm	Mass
Thursday 20	12.30 - 1.00pm	Adoration
	1.05pm	Mass
Friday 21	1.05pm	Mass
7.30pm	Vespers and Meditation: ALL NIGHT ADORATION	
Saturday 22	8.00am	Morning Prayer
1.05pm	Mass	<i>Chair of St Peter</i>
	4.30 - 5.30	Confessions
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday 23	7TH 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

FROM CAMBRIDGE TO THE CROSS



Catholic institutions in Cambridge are collaborating during Lent on our devotional journey. Our contribution will be on Friday 6 March, with our traditional *Stations of the Cross* meditation for the end of term. We are asking students and members of Fisher House for poems, meditations, music that you have written. A sign-up list is outside the chapel.

SENIOR MEMBERS' & POSTDOCS READING GROUP FOR LENT

We will meet on Fridays in Lent, in the Great Chamber, to read and discuss Ruth Valerio's *Saying Yes to Life* - a Christian look at environmental, ethical and social concerns. Please sign up outside the chapel. The book costs £7.00.

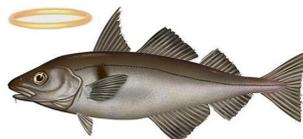
FISHER FRIENDS

Senior members of Fisher House will visit Palazzola, the idyllic lakeside retreat of the English College in Rome, in August. Details of this year's excursion are on the notice board, or email Fr Mark on ml709.

FISHER COMMITTEE AGM

The annual general meeting of the Fisher Committee takes place today after 11.00am. Please come and support its work. We shall also be electing a new Chair.

THE HADDOCS



Our medical ethics group meets on Monday at 6.30pm in the Fisher Room when Dr Victoria Black will speak on NFL and *Humanae Vitae*.

OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

This is the 25th anniversary year of the Oxford and Cambridge joint pilgrimage to Lourdes. The pilgrimage will take place 26 July to 2 August. There will be an information meeting on 27 February at 5.30pm in the Fisher Room. See the poster for more details, or contact Will Ransom on wlr22.

FAITH IN POLITICS

Catholic parliamentary internships are available - this great opportunity is sponsored by the Catholic bishops. See the poster for details. Closing date 28 Feb.

GOOD WORKS

A workshop on Christian values after Cambridge will be held on 14 March. See notice board for details.

APOLOGIA

Our popular series of talks on Catholic theology and culture returns on Tuesday, with a meal at 7.00pm, and at 8.00pm a talk given by Fr Mark on *The Ordinariate: Reality and Potential*. All are welcome.

BENSON CLUB



The book for this term is classic Spanish novel *The House of Ulloa* by Emilia Pardo Bazan. (*It's fantastic - Fr Mark*). We will meet to discuss it on Thursday 12 March.

MASS ON MONDAY

Both Fr Chase and Fr Mark have to be away on Monday, and so there will be no 1.05pm Mass. Apologies for the inconvenience.

ELY CATHEDRAL

Showing your student card will give you free access to this marvel of medieval architecture. Only 15 mins by train!

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

£403.96

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

Contactless donation of £4 available after 11.00am Mass

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION



There will be all-night adoration on Friday 21-Saturday 22 February. It begins with Vespers at 7.30pm, and ends at 8.00am with Morning Prayer, Benediction and Breakfast! Please see the poster outside the chapel. If you are a musician, please contact Sofia (sc2156) to offer your talents!

PALMS



As we prepare for Lent, please bring in your old palm branches, to be burned for Ash Wednesday.

SR ANN

is preaching at Evensong this evening in Clare College at 6.00pm

SCAFFOLDING

We are repairing the roof of the library, and undertaking high-level repairs to the chapel roof and guttering. The scaffolding will be in place for a few weeks - but we hope not for too long!