

# FISHER HOUSE



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER – 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Please sign-up online for Sunday Masses (inc. Saturday Vigil).

SUNDAY 11	28 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
	9.00am	Mass	Sung Latin
	11.00am	Mass	Sung English
	6.00pm	Mass	
Monday 12	8.20am	Mass	
	1.05pm	Mass	
Tuesday 13	8.20am	Mass	<i>St Edward the Confessor</i>
	1.05pm	Mass	
Wednesday 14	8.20am	Mass	
	1.05pm	Mass	
Thursday 15	8.20am	Mass	<i>St Teresa of Jesus</i>
	1.05pm	Mass	
Friday 16	8.20am	Mass	<i>St Hedwig</i>
	12.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	1.05pm	Mass	
	6.00pm	Vespers & Reflection	
Saturday 17	1.05pm	Mass	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</i>
	6.00pm	Mass	Vigil for Sunday

### EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday 11	12.00pm	Fisher Friends Virtual Coffee, via Zoom: Meeting ID: 953 3318 3695
Tuesday 13	7.00pm	Apologia: Fr Robert Verrill on “Quantum Physics, God, & Human Existence”. Join on Zoom: Meeting ID: 987 0085 5330 Passcode: 992284
Wednesday 14	7.00pm	Postdocs will meet in the library. Contact Kotryna Bloznelyte (kb449).
	7.30pm	Haddocs, the medical ethics group, will meet in the Fisher Room. Contact Prakash Thanikachalam (pt403).
Friday 16	6.00pm	Vespers in the chapel, with a reflection from Charlotte Cummins.
	8.00pm	Summa Theologiae Group will meet online. Contact Fr Robert (rwv1001).
	8pm to 10pm	Black Swan Bar open. To book a table, see the Fisher Society <a href="#">Facebook group</a> or contact Henry Darlison (hled3).
Saturday 17	10.30am	Women’s Group will meet in the library. Contact Raphaella Golder (rsg54).
Every weekday	10am to 6pm	Library open for private study. To sign-up, see the Fisher Society <a href="#">Facebook group</a> .
Every weekday	6.45pm	Society of St Vincent de Paul Soup Run. Information available <a href="#">here</a> .

## NOTICES

### PRIVATE PRAYER

The chapel is open for private prayer between 9am and 6pm every day.

### KNEELERS & CHAPEL CLEANING

When using the chapel for private prayer, or at mass, please only sit where there is a kneeler on the chair (except to sit next to a member of your household).

When you leave, leave a kneeler flat on the floor, even if you have not used one. This makes it clear to stewards or Fisher House staff that the place needs to be cleaned.

### MORE STEWARDS

Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered to steward at mass. More help is always appreciated! Contact Paul Norris (pn303) if interested.

### LIBRARY BOOKS

If you have any books out from the library, please return them as soon as possible. You can take them out again after we have taken stock. Email Paul (pn303) to arrange a library book return and Alexandra Browne (aib31) to report a book as lost.

### FACEBOOK GROUP

The Fisher Society [Facebook group](#) is the best place to find out about the latest events and societies at Fisher House.

## REFLECTION

### DRESSING UP

One of my favourite fancy dress themes is ‘Skype interview’, the most natural interpretation being suit jacket and pyjama or tracksuit bottoms, a caricature embodiment of the lofty and the profane. For most of us over the last few months, there has been nothing fanciful about this theme. Instead it has dominated life for the duration of the pandemic, both literally and figuratively. Having only a single space in which to work, study, eat, sleep, exercise, chat, relax and pray makes it hard to separate things out, and it’s easy to become like the sartorially-mismatched fancy dress outfit, outwardly committing to one activity without giving it one’s whole self.

At first when watching the livestream of mass, I would sequester myself in the house and follow the responses scrupulously, even standing and kneeling at the right times, which must have made me look strange if my neighbours were watching. Over time, perhaps aware that I might look a bit silly (as wedding garments would do outside their proper setting), I lost this reverence, and ended up ‘attending’ mass while sitting in the garden, pacing around the living room, or washing up. Today’s gospel is a reminder not to take our place at Jesus’s feast for granted, to give it our whole self even if it is difficult or uncomfortable. To choose not only our finest jacket, but our finest trousers too.

Paul

**SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER YEAR A — 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

**THE GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 25:6-10*

On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples  
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,  
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.  
On this mountain he will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
he will destroy Death for ever.  
The Lord will wipe away  
the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his people's shame  
everywhere on earth,  
for the Lord has said so.  
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God  
in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice  
that he has saved us;  
for the hand of the Lord

rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 22 (23)*

℟: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. ℟
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. ℟
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. ℟
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. ℟

**SECOND READING**

*St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14,19-20*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the

same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

### **ALLELUIA**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us:

to all who did accept him

he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL**

*Matthew 22:1-14*

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son’s wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. “Tell those who have been invited” he said “that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding.” But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, “The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.” So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, “How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?” And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

### **THE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.