

FISHER HOUSE



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER – 29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Online sign-up is now required only for the 11am Sunday Mass.

SUNDAY 18	29 th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
	9.00am	Mass	Sung Latin
	11.00am	Mass	Sung English
	6.00pm	Mass	
Monday 19	8.20am	Mass	<i>Ss John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues</i>
	1.05pm	Mass	
Tuesday 20	8.20am	Mass	
	1.05pm	Mass	
Wednesday 21	8.20am	Mass	
	1.05pm	Mass	
Thursday 22	8.20am	Mass	<i>St John Paul II</i>
	1.05pm	Mass	
Friday 23	8.20am	Mass	<i>St John of Capistrano</i>
	12.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	1.05pm	Mass	
	6.30pm	Vespers & Reflection	
Saturday 24	1.05pm	Mass	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</i>
	6.00pm	Mass	Vigil for Sunday

EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday 18	12.00pm	Fisher Friends Virtual Coffee. Join using this link , or the Meeting ID: 971 9704 3048.
	8.00pm	Doctrinal Formation Group will meet online. Contact Fr Robert (rww1001).
Tuesday 20	7.00pm	Apologia: Fr Joseph Simmons SJ will give a talk entitled “Bothered by God: The Catholic Imagination and Non-religious Fiction”. See notices below for details.
Wednesday 21	7.00pm	Postdocs will meet online. Contact Kotryna Bloznelyte (kb449).
Friday 23	6.30pm	Vespers in the chapel, with a reflection from Paul Norris.
	8.00pm	Summa Theologiae Group will meet online. Contact Fr Robert (rww1001).
	8pm to 10pm	Black Swan Bar open. Book a table here , or contact Henry Darlison (hled3).
Saturday 24	10.30am	Women’s Group will meet in the library. Contact Raphaëlla Golder (rsg54).
Every day	10am to 6pm	Library open for private study. Sign up here .
Every weekday	6.45pm	Society of St Vincent de Paul Soup Run. Information available here .

NOTICES

APOLOGIA

We may not be able to meet and eat together in person this term, but we invite you to join us for a virtual feast of intellectual delights and discussion. Fill your glass, meet old friends and new, and be a part of our chaplaincy community as we are challenged and inspired by speakers from around the globe. Every Tuesday evening in term time at 7.00pm.

This week (Tuesday 20 October, 7.00pm), Fr Joseph Simmons SJ from Campion Hall, Oxford, will consider how the Catholic imagination is active, even when reading non-religious fiction from authors such as Virginia Woolf and Julian Barnes, as well as the more overtly religious writing of Marilynne Robinson. Zoom Meeting ID: 994 7068 1732. Passcode: 853623.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING GROUP

A new group is meeting to dig deeper and understand questions that affect us and those around us, both near and far, through the treasure of the Church that is Catholic Social Teaching. What do we understand by the Common Good, Human Dignity, Solidarity? And how do these play out in our daily lives and in the world that we live in? We'll look at encyclicals such as "Centesimus annus" (St. JPII), *Caritas in Veritate* (Pope BXVI), and *Laudato Si* (Pope Francis), as well as the Catechism of the Catholic Church and other sources to learn and think further. If interested, contact Julia Wdowin (jw735).

ST ALBAN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open Days: The school open days are the following: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th November and 1st December. The sessions are at 5–6pm, 6–7pm and 7–8pm on each day. Parents will need to contact the school office (office@stalban.cambs.sch.uk) or 01223 712148 to book an appointment. Details are on our [school website](#) too.

Student Vacancy: There is one space available for a Year 1 child at St Alban's.

REFLECTION

WHAT TO EACH PERTAINETH

Jesus's words in today's gospel could be taken as a sign that Christians should not involve themselves too much in politics. I'm not sure this is quite right. To use a distinction which the English language has almost lost, I think Jesus calls us to be disinterested, but not uninterested. While we should never put partisan leanings or tribal allegiances before the truth of the gospel, we do have to make choices about our place in the world. And as the world is fallen, these choices are inevitably compromises.

It is encouraging to see that there can be a middle way, a compromise that does not compromise the tenets of the faith. This is especially hopeful now, in a political landscape scarred by partisanship and sectarianism. If there is such a thing as a "culture war", I wonder if Jesus would find himself caught in the crossfire, rather than leading a charge.

In first century Palestine, the Roman state required only taxes from its people. Modern democratic states require much more: they demand that citizens are well-informed and able to decide who should be in power. Jesus calls us to exercise judgement, to work out how best to fulfil God's precepts in the public arena. In characteristically baroque prose, Anglican bishop and Pembroke alumnus Lancelot Andrewes takes this gospel as a call to render "the right duty to the right owner", and

Not to shuffle them together—Caesar's to God, God's to Caesar—it skills not which to which, ("God is not the author of confusion") but to know and discern what to each pertaineth; and what pertaineth, that to be answered.

Jesus reminds us that we do not need to be muddled or shuffled up or conflicted. We can be many things, hold many views, fight for many causes, while remaining one thing: Christians. And Jesus demands an answer even more urgently than that letter from HM Revenues & Customs. Something must be paid to God as well as to Caesar. We can recognise Caesar's tribute because it bears his reflection: his face marks every coin. So too does God's tribute bear his reflection: we are made in God's image, and it is our whole self that God demands.

Paul

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 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95 (96)

℟: Give the Lord glory and power.

1. Oh sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. ℟
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. ℟
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. ℟
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. ℟

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika
which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you
grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and
constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your
faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our
Lord Jesus Christ.
We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen,
because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not
only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter
conviction.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15–21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man’s rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?’ But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, ‘You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.’ They handed him a denarius, and he said, ‘Whose head is this? Whose name?’ ‘Caesar’s’ they replied. He then said to them, ‘Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.’

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.