

FISHER HOUSE



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER – 33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

All masses are now closed to the public.

Please see our [Facebook Page](#) to follow the livestream.

Saturday 14	1.05pm	Mass	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday</i>
SUNDAY 15			33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
	11.00am	Mass	<i>World Day of the Poor</i>
Monday 16	1.05pm	Mass	<i>St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop</i>
Tuesday 17	1.05pm	Mass	<i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>
Wednesday 18	1.05pm	Mass	<i>The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles</i>
Thursday 19	1.05pm	Mass	
Friday 20	1.05pm	Mass	
	3pm to 6pm		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (in person; sign-up online)
	6.30pm		Vespers & Reflection
Saturday 21	1.05pm	Mass	<i>Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary</i>

EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday 15	12.00pm	Fisher Friends Virtual Coffee. Join using this link , or use the Meeting ID: 925 4262 1904
	8.00pm	Doctrinal Formation Group will meet online. Contact Fr Robert (rwv1001).
Monday 16	7.30pm	Rosary Group will meet online. Contact Prakash Thanikachalam (pt403).
Tuesday 17	7.00pm	Apologia: Sr Imelda Poole will give a talk and lead a discussion about human trafficking. See notices below for details.
Wednesday 18	7.00pm	Postdocs will meet online. Contact Kotryna Bloznelyte (kb449).
	7.00pm	Bible Study Group will meet online to discuss St Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Contact Paul Norris (pn303).
Thursday 19	6.30pm	Benson Club will meet online to discuss poems by Czesław Miłosz and Les Murray. Contact Paul Norris (pn303).
Friday 20	6.30pm	Vespers will be livestreamed from the chapel, with a reflection.
	6.45pm	Summa Theologiae Group will meet online. Contact Fr Robert (rwv1001).
Saturday 21	10.30am	Women's Group will meet online to discuss discerning good and evil, based Joseph's reunion with his brothers in Genesis 42:1-44:33. Contact Raphaëlle Golder (rsg54).
Every day	9am to 6pm	Chapel open for private prayer, except during mass. Please leave a kneeler on the floor when you leave.

NOTICES

APOLOGIA

Sr Imelda Poole IBVM will speak about 'Human Trafficking: a Modern Day Crime Against Humanity'. This is a transnational organised crime affecting 40 million victims every year and creating an illegal economy of billions of dollars laundered through the dark net. A buying and selling of human beings as commodities in the marketplace. A scourge at the heart of our world today. What is your response? Come and join us in this dialogue. Meeting ID: 965 9170 2587 Passcode: 053207

ALL SOULS PRAYER REQUESTS

In this month of November, we pray for the Holy Souls. Please email to Paul (pn303) the names of those you wish to be prayed for. They will be remembered at all Masses in November.

CUCA AGM

This is just to remind you that the Cambridge University Catholic Association (CUCA) AGM on Sunday 22 November will take place at 1pm by Zoom. To attend the meeting, you will need to register in advance (so that we can log attendance and send you the relevant documents) and a Zoom account. We need a quorum of 20 so you are all warmly encouraged to attend.

Please register in advance for this meeting using [this link](#). After registering, you will receive an email with information about joining the meeting.

'FAITH AND ART' – ADVENT LECTURE SERIES

Art historian Sarah Burles will give a series of talks on artworks relating to the events associated with Advent. Talks will be live on Zoom and will also be recorded so you can watch later in your own time with a list of works provided. Cost: £60.

Dates: 3 to 4pm on Wednesday 2, 9, 16 and 23 December 2020

Email info@pilgrimagepeople.org for more information and to sign up.

REFLECTION

Traffic of Talents

Fisher House is in a strange position, surrounded by the beige barracks walls of the Grand Arcade shopping centre, whose tower rises well above the chapel roof. It's a fate common to many city-centre churches. In the City of London, St Margaret Pattens and St Helen's Bishopsgate jostle awkwardly with their younger, taller peers, as out of place as a tweed jacket in a Berlin club.

They are vivid reminders of John Ruskin's point in his lecture at the opening of a new Exchange in Bradford: our architecture asserts a strict difference between worshipping God and that 'practical and earnest religion, to which we devote nine-tenths of our property and six-sevenths of our time', worship of the 'Goddess of Getting-on', the 'Britannia of the Market'.

Today's readings complicate this picture. Jesus and the psalmist do not shy away from commercial imagery, recognising that money is a language we can all understand.

Jesus also suggests that our expectations of God determine how God appears. This does not mean that God's nature changes from person to person. But it does mean that if we expect God to be a harsh master, a rule-maker, keen to punish wrongdoing, this can become what God is to us. The third servant is too afraid of his master's anger if he were to lose the talent to truly do the master's will, and so makes his fear come true.

The same might be true of our immediate neighbour. We can see the Grand Arcade as a prison wall, keeping the gospel separated from the rest of society. Or we can see its benefits, a protective wall of prosperity giving us the time and peace of mind to join together in worship. There might be some truth in both, or neither, explanation. But we can be sure that Jesus expects a return on his investment, one which we cannot achieve by burying ourselves away, but only by walking the same ground as secular society. Fisher House's architecture makes this point, not burying itself in a mock-medieval past, but sharing the beige brick and utilitarian style of its neighbour. The differences are subtle but immense. Though our spire might not reach as high as the shopping centre's, it points higher still.

Paul

MASS TEXTS

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WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

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

Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 127 (128)

℟: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. ℟
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. ℟
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! ℟

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1–6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

"The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

"Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made."

"His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

"Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

"Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

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.