

# FISHER HOUSE



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY 17 JANUARY – 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Masses are all in-person. See our [Facebook Page](#) for livestream.

SUNDAY 17	2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME <a href="#">10.30am</a>	Mass English
Monday 18	8.20am 1.05pm 5.30pm – 6pm	Mass <i>St Margaret of Hungary</i> Mass Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday 19	8.20am 1.05pm 5.30pm – 6pm	Mass <i>St Wulstan, Bishop</i> Mass Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday 20	8.20am 1.05pm 5.30pm – 6pm	Mass <i>St Sebastian, Martyr</i> Mass Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday 21	8.20am 1.05pm 5.30pm – 6pm	Mass <i>St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</i> Mass Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 22	8.20am 1.05pm 5.30pm – 6pm 6.30pm	Mass <i>St Vincent, Deacon and Martyr</i> Mass Eucharistic Adoration Vespers & Reflection
Saturday 23	1.05pm 5.30pm – 6pm	Mass Eucharistic Adoration

### EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday 17	12.00pm	Fisher Friends Virtual Coffee. Join using the Zoom ID: 476 758 5612.
Friday 22	6.30pm	Vespers in the chapel and on livestream, for the Week of Christian Unity, with a reflection from Rev. Max Bayliss, chaplain of Queens' College.
Every day	9am to 6pm	Chapel open for private prayer. Please leave a kneeler on the floor when you leave, whether or not you have used one.
Monday to Saturday	1.00pm	Rosary for repose of Fr Mark's soul. On Zoom; see Facebook group for details, or contact Paul (pn303).
Monday to Saturday	5.30 to 6pm	Eucharistic Adoration in the chapel.

## REFLECTION

### **The Gaze of Christ**

In the liturgical year, rather ironically, the first Sunday in Ordinary Time is called the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. This is because last Sunday, we were still in the Christmas season, ending it with the celebration of Our Lord's Baptism, and so we only began Ordinary Time on Monday. Yet these past few days in which we struggled to come to terms with the news that Fr Mark was soon going to die, have been anything but ordinary. Sometimes, what is ordinary can seem dull and lacking in excitement. But when you think about it, deep down we really love the ordinary. The word ordinary comes from the Latin *ordinarius* meaning customary, regular, usual, orderly. The regular and orderly nature of what is ordinary means we know what to expect, we have stability in our lives, and because of this, we can venture out and explore the world knowing that we have this secure foundation to come back to.

When the pandemic began last March and our lives were turned upside down, ordinary time began to seem far more attractive. And when it was announced last summer that Fr Mark would be taking a sabbatical until Easter, everybody at Fisher House looked forward to his return, when things would be back to normal. It is therefore going to be a huge challenge getting used to the fact that things aren't going to return to normal, that Fr Mark is not coming back.

Nevertheless, we need to remember that what made Fr Mark such a source of stability in our lives and what sustained him in his fatherly care is still very much with us. For in today's Gospel, we're told that Jesus looked hard at Simon, and said "You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas" – meaning Rock". When Jesus Christ looks into our souls as He looked into the soul of Simon, He doesn't simply recognize what is already there. Rather, Jesus's look transforms us. His look can make what is weak and fragile into something strong and stable. And when we are incorporated into Christ's body the Church, we participate in His gaze. And so the gaze of Christ which sustained Fr Mark and made him so supportive is still with us. We can therefore trust that Fr Mark will continue to support us through his intercession, and that we can continue to support him with our prayers as he makes his final journey to his eternal reward.

Fr Robert

## MASS TEXTS

SUNDAY 17 JANUARY YEAR I – 2<sup>ND</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**

*1 Samuel 3:3–10, 19*

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall

to the ground.

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

℟: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

*Psalm 39 (40)*

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. ℟
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I. ℟
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart. ℟
4. Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord. ℟

### SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 6:13–15, 17–20*

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside

the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord.

### ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

*John 1:35–42*

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

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.