



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Masses are open to the public, with no sign-up required.

Sunday 19 June	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI)		
	9.00am†	Mass (Sung Latin)	
	11.00am†	Mass (Sung English)	
Monday 20	1.05pm	Mass	
Tuesday 21	8.20am	Mass	<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga SJ</i>
	1.05pm	Mass	
Wednesday 22	SS JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE		
	8.20am	Mass	
	1.05pm†	Mass	
Thursday 23	THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST		
	8.20am	Mass	
	1.05pm	Mass	
Friday 24	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS		
	8.20am	Mass	
	1.05pm†	Mass	
Saturday 25	1.05pm	Mass	<i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>
Sunday 26 June	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
	10.30am†	Mass (Sung English)	

† Also livestreamed to [our YouTube channel](#).

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THIS WEEK AT FISHER HOUSE

Tuesday 20 June

6.00pm – 6.45pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** in the Chapel

Thursday 23 June

6.15pm **Taizé** – a reflective service of candlelit prayer, with songs and chants. Contact Songyuan ([sz311](#)) or Lakshmi ([gmail](#)) for more details. ([FB](#))

Sunday 26 June

11.30am **Fr Matthew's Farewell Party**

Fr Matthew Gummess O. Carm., our Priest in Residence, escapes Cambridge to return to the United States on Thursday 30 June – so please join us in wishing him farewell at a reception after the 10.30am Mass next Sunday 26 June, which will also provide a chance for us each to thank him for his extraordinary ministry over the past six months, and all the blessings he has brought to our community.

Fisher House, including the Chapel of St John Fisher, is open 8.00am to 10.00pm daily. Students are welcome to use the Fisher Room, its kitchen, the Library and Terrace. You can request interior card access at fisherhouse.org.uk/card-access.

ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY
FROM 3.00PM MONDAY 27 JUNE
IN THE GARDEN OF MARGARET BEAUFORT
INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY,
12-14 GRANGE ROAD (CB3 9DU)

REFLECTION: 'YOU ARE ONE BODY BECAUSE YOU ALL SHARE IN ONE BREAD'

My dear friends,

Ave Verum Corpus, natum de Maria Virgine – hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary. When we hear these words, we think automatically of the Blessed Sacrament – as their anonymous medieval author intended that we should. But in earlier centuries, the phrase 'true body' was a way of referring less to the Eucharist than to those who gathered to celebrate the Eucharist together. A much more common way of speaking of the Blessed Sacrament was as Christ's 'mystical body' – a phrase that later came to be a synonym for the Church. And the way these two phrases came to swap places within the vocabulary of Catholic theology points to a profound, even a life-changing truth: our understanding of Christ present in the Eucharist, and our understanding of the Church are, or ought to be, inseparably bound up with each other.

When we call the Church the 'body of Christ', we are using language in a much more exciting way than when we speak of the 'governing body' of a college or a sports federation. In those cases, we are simply

using a metaphor, reminding ourselves that just as the different limbs and organs in a body cooperate to ensure the smooth functioning of the organism, those who sit on committees do, or ought to do, the same. That's also true of the Church. When St Paul writes to the Christians in Corinth, he reminds them that the hands, feet, eyes, and ears that make up this body need each other for the community to flourish. But St Paul doesn't tell the Corinthians that they are *like* a body: he tells them that they *are* a body, the body of a person with a name: you *are* the body of Christ, and members of it. And how does this come about? Through their reception of the Eucharist together: 'you are one body because you all share in one bread'. Eating the flesh of Christ and drinking his blood builds us up into Christ. As the great 20th century Jesuit theologian Henri de Lubac puts it: the Church makes the Eucharist, and the Eucharist makes the Church.

And this has certain consequences. Thus, for instance, St Paul chastises the Christians of Corinth both on account of their sexual ethics and their attitude towards the poorer brethren: if we are the

body of Christ, as truly as is the consecrated altar bread, we should behave towards ourselves and each other with a similar kind of awe. Objectifying people in the interests of our own gratification and oppressing the marginalised and vulnerable is not an option for Christians – because, when we behave like this to our brothers and sisters, it is Christ we are mistreating. This is why there should never be anything remotely prissy or puritanical about Christian chastity, which, rightly understood, is an acknowledgement of the beauty of Christ in ourselves and each other. It is also why the lives of the saints abound in stories of encounters with the hidden Christ who appears in the guise of the destitute beggar.

The feast of Corpus Christi, the feast of the true and mystical body of Christ, then, that we celebrate this weekend is an occasion of both celebration and challenge. In the first place, it is an opportunity to rejoice and give thanks for the great gift of God's ongoing presence with us in the Mass, unclouded by the thoughts of Christ's impending suffering and death that are inevitable on Holy Thursday. It is right,

on this day of all days, as St Thomas Aquinas reminds us, to sing with hymns of exaltation in praise of the Blessed Sacrament, to dare to give our all in worshipping Christ in the Eucharist.

But it's also a chance for a kind of examination of conscience. Do I treat myself – do we treat each other – with the loving reverence due to those in whom God himself has come to dwell? Do I do my part to make the Christian community to which I belong a worthy dwelling-place for him? As I once

heard Bishop Alan Hopes say in a sermon here at Fisher House, next to the Blessed Sacrament, the holiest thing in all of Creation is our neighbour. And both are holy for the same reason: in both, we encounter none other than Creation's Lord. And this isn't a bad thing for us to remember at the end of an academic year – whether we'll be staying put in Cambridge over the summer, leaving for now and returning in due course for the beginning of Michaelmas, or moving on. Wherever we find ourselves in the world in the weeks, months and

years ahead, however far away we may be from those we have come to know and love in this place, what we know and love in our neighbour is Christ himself; and in Christ, we are always close.

God bless you all, thank you for all you have done, and more importantly for all you have been, for Fisher House this year – and happy feast!

Sr Ann Swailes OP, Acting Chaplain ([acs92](#))

LEAVING CAMBRIDGE? JOIN OUR ALUMNI MAILING LIST!

You have meant so much to us, and we are so sorry to see you go. Remember that you will always receive a warm welcome whenever you're next in Cambridge. But until then, please keep in touch!

If you would like to stay in touch with Fisher House, especially through our annual newsletter, we recommend joining our 'CUCA Friends' mailing list. You can register at fisherhouse.org.uk/cuca-friends.

FISHER HOUSE NOTICES

VACATION SCHEDULE FROM NEXT WEEKEND

From next Sunday 26 June, Sunday Mass will be at 10.30am only, returning to our usual vacation schedule until the start of the new academic year. Confessions return to appointment-only; please contact Fr Matthew ([mjb253](#)) directly.

We will not run our usual Friday programme of events this coming Friday 24 June. Mass times over the vacation, and instructions for joining our summer vacation community group, including events and socials, will be announced in next weekend's newsletter, which we expect to be the final edition of the newsletter for the academic year.

HAVE YOU NOTICED YET ANOTHER VISITING AMERICAN PRIEST?

We offer a belated welcome to Fr John Michael "Mike" McDermott SJ, who is in residence at Fisher House while he visits his brother. A Jesuit priest, Fr Mike is a Professor of Theology at the Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, Michigan. Fr Mike concelebrated the 11.00am Mass this Sunday 19 June. Please offer him a warm welcome when you next see him!

FUNERAL MASS FOR VIRGINIA HOWE RIP, 12 NOON THURSDAY 30 JUNE

The funeral Mass of the late Virginia Howe has been confirmed for 12 noon on Thursday 30 June at Fisher House. All are most welcome to attend; and the service will be livestreamed privately. Please note that there will be no 1.05pm Mass at Fisher House that Thursday.

SCAM WARNING

We've sadly been made aware of impostor emails purporting to be from Sr Ann, asking for 'personal help'. These are a scam. Please carefully check the sender of any emails you receive – chaplains and staff will only ever email you using cam.ac.uk or fisherhouse.org.uk domains – and report any suspicious emails immediately to your email provider. And, for the avoidance of any doubt, we do not need funds for repairing chapel windows, especially not funds that come in the form of Amazon gift vouchers (yes, your Pastoral Assistant fell one email in!).

CATHOLIC CAMBRIDGE NOTICES

WHAT DOES THE UKRAINE CRISIS TELL US ABOUT THE ETHICS OF REFUGEE POLICIES?, 1.00PM – 3.00PM TUESDAY 21 JUNE 2022 VIA ZOOM

Two speakers from the Von Hügel Institute, an interdisciplinary research institute inspired by Catholic thought and culture, focussed on contemporary global realities, and based at St Edmund's College, Cambridge, will be speaking at an upcoming online event on the ethics of refugee policies.

The online panel is a collaborative endeavour between multiple institutions across the Euro-Mediterranean region. It seeks to stimulate a conversation that reflects critically on the challenges of responding fairly and ethically to population movements caused by wars and calamities.

Starting by addressing the ongoing influxes of refugees from Ukraine into European countries, the discussion will then offer an overview of the responses and of the motives provided by different state and non-state actors across Europe both to

current and to past refugee and immigrant influxes. The aim is to allow plenty of time for Q&A to have a fruitful conversation with each other and with the audience.

The speakers are:

- Dr Vsevolod Samokhvalov, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- Dr Konrad Pędziwiatr, Cracow University
- Dr Vlado Kmec, Von Hügel Institute, Cambridge
- Dr Elif Çetin, Von Hügel Institute, Cambridge, and Yaşar University, Turkey
- Dr Alexandria Innes, City, University of London
- Dr Sara Silvestri, City, University of London

For more details and to register, please visit www.city.ac.uk/news-and-events/events/2022/june/what-does-the-ukraine-crisis-tell-us-about-the-ethics-of-refugee-policies.

REMEMBER: SUNDAY MASS NEXT WEEKEND IS ONLY AT 10.30AM!

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