



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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

Sunday 12 June	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	
	9.00am†	9.00am†
	11.00am†	11.00am†
Monday 13	1.05pm	Mass <i>St Anthony of Padua</i>
Tuesday 14	7.00am	Lauds (Morning Prayer)
	8.20am	Mass (cancelled)
	1.05pm	Mass
Wednesday 15	8.20am	Mass
	1.05pm	Mass
Thursday 16	8.20am	Mass
	1.05pm	Mass
Friday 17	8.20am	Mass
	1.05pm	Mass (cancelled)
	6.30pm	Sung Mass in Thanksgiving for the Canonisation of St Titus Brandsma O. Carm.
Saturday 18	1.05pm	Mass
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Said English)
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)

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

THIS WEEK AT FISHER HOUSE

Monday 13 June

10.30pm – 8.00am [THE All-Night Afterparty](#)

A night of merriment and entertainment: join us at Fisher House for the All-Night Afterparty, which includes the Black Swan Bar, a ceilidh, games, a film, and more!

The party will start at around 10.30pm on Monday 13 June, and conclude with Lauds (Morning Prayer) and a Survivors' Breakfast at 7.00am on Tuesday 14 June. Open to everyone, irrespective of attendance at the preceding Fisher Dinner!

Tuesday 14 June

6.00pm – 6.45pm [Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament](#) in the Chapel

Wednesday 15 June

7.30pm [LGBTQ Faith-Sharing Group Dinner](#) – please let Fr Matthew ([mjpg253](#)) or Jason ([jec239](#)) know if you're coming, with any dietary requirements.

Thursday 16 June

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

Friday 17 June

3.30pm – 5.30pm [Sr Ann's Open Office](#) – all students warmly welcome for friendship, tea and homebaked goodies! ([FB](#))

6.30pm [Sung Evening Mass in Thanksgiving for the Canonisation of St Titus Brandsma O. Carm.](#) ([FB](#))

Join us at 6.30pm on Friday 17 June for a special Sung Evening Mass, as we give thanks for the canonisation of St Titus Brandsma O. Carm.. The Mass will include an [Enrolment in the Carmelite Scapular](#) – a chance to take part in an ancient Catholic devotion to Our Lady that consists of 'wearing' a prayer and letting it become a part of you, so come along whether or not you had the chance to take part earlier in term! (Scapulars will be provided, or bring your own!) Please note that there will be no 1.05pm Mass at Fisher House this Friday.

Born in 1881, St Titus was a Dutch Carmelite friar, who worked as a journalist and academic. His opposition to Nazi ideology brought him to the attention of the occupying forces, who arrested him in January 1942 after he sought to persuade the editors of Catholic newspapers to resist orders to print Nazi propaganda and documents. He was martyred at Dachau concentration camp on 26 July 1942, aged 61, and canonised by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, on 15 May 2022.

8.00pm – 11.15pm [Black Swan Bar](#) – Cambridge's most fun and most Catholic bar, serving alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks at prices you won't find elsewhere!

Saturday 18 June

10.00am [Walk to Ely](#) departs from Fisher House ([FB](#))

A relaxed get-together and chance to meet and catch up with others while walking/escaping Cambridge! 🌿 🚶

Meet at Fisher House for a 10.00am departure. We hope to arrive at Ely in time for Evensong at the Cathedral at 4.00pm. *Please note the earlier start time to what we had advertised, due to Evensong being earlier!*

Bring some money for the train fare home (circa £2.00 with a 16-25 railcard). A packed lunch and refreshments will be provided – please let Matteo ([mb2481](#)) know if you're coming, with any dietary requirements, so that we can provide the right number. All are most welcome. If you would like to join the walk later in the day from Waterbeach, also let Matteo know so that we can text you with our progress.

Subject to weather conditions; please do feel welcome to come even if you're new to Fisher House or haven't been around much - new faces are ALWAYS welcome!

4.30pm – 5.30pm [Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament](#) in the Chapel

Sunday 19 June

11.00am [Leavers' Mass and Barbeque](#) ([FB](#))

Our 11.00am Mass on Sunday 19 June will be offered for those in our community who are leaving Cambridge at the end of their studies here. Following the Mass, everyone is most welcome to join us on the Library and Terrace for a barbeque lunch, with a £1.50 suggested contribution for non-leavers (we recommend bringing cash!).

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](#).

Please note that access to Fisher House may be restricted during the evening of Monday 13 June before the All-Night Afterparty begins.

REFLECTION: GO ON, TRY TO EXPLAIN THE TRINITY...

My dear friends,

What makes us laugh can often reveal what makes us feel uncomfortable. And it's surprising how many comic cameo appearances the doctrine of the Holy Trinity makes in fiction by Christian authors. In Grahame Greene's *Monsignor Quixote* (1982), for instance, the hero attempts, in the course of a picnic in the Spanish sun, to explain the Catholic Church's teaching by recourse to three bottles of wine, speaking of the extra spark of *joie-de-vivre* imparted by the third bottle, as representing the Holy Spirit. But then, having imbibed a good deal of the contents of his visual aids, he becomes contrite. This third bottle was only half the size of the other two. Has he unwittingly taught heresy, suggesting that the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity is not the equal of Father and Son?

Our reactions to this are likely to be ambiguous, as doubtless the author intends. Are we supposed to feel complacently superior to the poor befuddled little country priest who can't quite remember the minutiae of the doctrine they taught him at seminary, but does remember it was all somehow terribly important? Or is it alright to feel that there is something beautifully heroic in his half-cut attempts at precision, subverted as they are not merely by sun and wine, but by the intrinsic limitations of language?

Something similar happens in an episode near the beginning of Rose Macaulay's novel *The Towers of Trebizond* (1956), which deserves to be much better known. We are allowed to eavesdrop on a conversation between two devout high church Anglicans who are about to embark on a visit to Turkey. The wonderfully-named Fr Chantry-Pigg is much exercised about how best to broach the delicate topic of the Blessed Trinity in dialogue with the local Muslims. The redoubtable Dot, the aunt of the novel's narrator, has a somewhat different agenda and, in her eagerness to bring her vision of social justice to the women of Turkey, dismisses the Trinity brusquely as 'not important'. Fr Chantry-Pigg is not impressed:

'Merely the central doctrine of the Christian faith' said Father Chantry-Pigg, sneering, as if he was scoring a point.

'Perhaps he was, I don't know', comments Dot's niece, Laurie, at once worldly-wise and wistful. But are we supposed to laugh with Laurie here, for her lightning delineation of all that is wrong with a theology that enumerates angels on pinheads, or at her for her speculative philistinism? Again, I think the answer is that we're meant to be unsure what to do. This mirrors an anxiety many of us may secretly harbour in relation to the Feast of the Holy Trinity, which we celebrate this Sunday. We know, intellectually, that the Doctrine of the Trinity is

central to the Christian creed – so why it is not more central to our own lives of faith?

Perhaps our difficulty stems from shame at our inability to comprehend what it can possibly mean to say that God is three and God is one. But this should be a cause for excitement, not embarrassment. In a place like Cambridge, where clarity and profundity of thought is rightly prized, we are perhaps particularly reluctant to make statements that we cannot exhaustively justify. Generally, that's good, not least with regards to our faith: we should certainly never leave our brains outside the Church door. But it is no abdication of our intellectual responsibility to confess that we do not know, completely, what it means to talk of God as Trinity. On the contrary, it's deep, and profoundly intelligent humility. To understand this fully, after all, we would need to be as great as God. But this much we do know: we are made in the image of this mysterious, always greater God; and this has tremendous implications for how we think about and treat each other and ourselves. We too are always, mysteriously, greater than we might dream, or dread. Far from making us anxious, the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity should serve to allay our deepest fears.

God bless,

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

FISHER HOUSE NOTICES

CHANGES TO THE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Due to the Fisher Dinner afterparty, there will be no 8.20am Mass this Tuesday 14 June. On Friday 17 June, Sung Vespers at 6.30pm is replaced with a Sung Evening Mass, celebrated in thanksgiving for the canonisation of St Titus Brandsma O. Carm – more details are overleaf. There will be no 1.05pm Mass that Friday.

WELCOME BACK FR CHASE!

We're delighted to welcome Fr Chase Pepper CSC, who will be joining us for the next few weeks as he continues work for his doctoral thesis.

VACANCY: CHAPLAINCY ASSISTANT, FISHER HOUSE

Fisher House is looking to appoint a Chaplaincy Assistant, a full-time ten-month placement beginning in September 2022. This position may be suitable for a recent graduate, for someone who is about to graduate, or for someone who has some present experience of university Catholic chaplaincy work. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 28 June 2022. For the job description and details of how to apply, please visit fisherhouse.org.uk/post/chaplaincy-assistant-2022.

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN DURING SUNDAY MASS

We have been generously donated two boxes of children's books for use during Sunday Masses. The boxes will be displayed in the Chapel corridor; please make use of them, but do not remove any books from Fisher House.

VIRGINIA HOWE RIP

With much sadness, we report the death of Virginia Howe on Monday 6 June 2022, aged 94. Virginia was a former classics scholar at Newnham College (1946-1949) and the beloved wife of the late Jeremy Howe (former Treasurer of the Cambridge University Catholic Association) and mother to five children. As a student, Virginia was received into the Roman Catholic Church at Fisher House. After returning to live in Cambridge in 1975, Virginia became a regular at Mass in Fisher House until her weakening health made attendance impossible. During her life, she was a teacher of Classics, English and Religious Knowledge. She was a strong supporter of Fisher House. We will announce the funeral arrangements in due course. Please remember Virginia in your prayers. Requiescat in pace.



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 check carefully 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.

EXTERNAL NOTICES

CATHOLIC STUDENT NETWORK CONFERENCE, SATURDAY 18 JUNE 2022

The CSN Conference gathers Catholic students from England and Wales for a one-day conference of fellowship, talks, and worship. Join to connect with Catholic students from different universities and deepen your faith! The conference takes place from 10.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday 18 June at Mary Ward Conference

Centre (Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9SN). Tickets are £10 per student, and Maria ([mt872](#)) invites you to email her if you are interested in attending, so that you can coordinate a Cambridge contingent. Find out more details and register at catholicstudentnetwork.co.uk/events/csn-conference.