



Fisher House

**Cambridge University
Catholic Chaplaincy**

NEWSLETTER

Sunday 26 June 2022

Easter Term Week 9 | Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

IN CAMBRIDGE OVER THE SUMMER?

Stay in-the-loop with what's happening at Fisher House:
join our vacation community group and mailing list at fisherhouse.org.uk/vacation.

FISHER HOUSE SUMMER DIARY

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

SUNDAY 26 JUNE	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	
	10.30am†	Mass (Sung English)
Monday 27	1.05pm	Mass
Tuesday 28	8.20am, 1.05pm	Mass
WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE	THE SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL	
	8.20am	Mass
	1.05pm†	Mass
Thursday 30	12.00pm	Funeral Mass of Virginia Howe RIP
Friday 1	1.05pm	Mass
Saturday 2	1.05pm	Mass
SUNDAY 3 JULY	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	
	10.30am†	Mass (Sung English)
Monday 4	1.05pm	Mass
Tuesday 5	1.05pm	Mass
Wednesday 6	8.20am	Mass
Thursday 7	8.20am	Mass
Friday 8	8.20am	Mass
Saturday 9	8.20am	Mass

† Also livestreamed to fisherhouse.org.uk/live.

From Sunday 10 July until mid-August, we expect a pattern of 8.20am weekday Masses Monday to Saturday, and Sunday Masses at 10.30am.

From mid-August, we expect weekday Masses to revert to 1.05pm, with no 8.20am Mass, and Sunday Masses to continue at 10.30am.

Mass times advertised here may be subject to alterations.
For all the latest updates and changes, please consult fisherhouse.org.uk/mass-times, or join our vacation mailing list at fisherhouse.org.uk/vacation.

Cyclists, beware: Bene't Street, which leads to Fisher House, will be closed for roadworks from Sunday 31 July to Friday 19 August, with delays likely.

Confessions

During the summer, confessions at Fisher House are heard by appointment only; please get in touch with a resident priest, or ask following a Mass.

We recommend consulting times for confessions at Our Lady of the Assumption and the English Martyrs (Hills Road, CB2 1JR) at olem.org.uk/sacraments/confession. Alternatively, the Dominican Fathers at Blackfriars (Buckingham Road, CB3 0DD) offer confession upon request – simply ring their doorbell.

Social Events and Community Get-Togethers

Other social events and opportunities for community get-togethers will be organised and announced on our summer community group and mailing list. Subscribe at fisherhouse.org.uk/vacation.

We can already announce two afternoon community get-togethers in the coming week: our Garden Party on Monday 27 June and a Barbeque on Saturday 2 July. You can find the details overleaf.

Chaplaincy Team Comings and Goings

We are delighted to welcome **Fr Joseph Jiang SJ** as Priest-in-Residence from Monday 4 July until mid-August. A member of the Jesuit Chinese Province, he teaches at Boston College, a Jesuit university in Massachusetts.

Fr Matthew leaves Cambridge on Thursday 30 June. Sr Ann leaves for holiday from Friday 1 July until Monday 18 July. Matteo's last day at work at Fisher House falls on Tuesday 19 July.

Opening Times over the Vacation

Fisher House, including the Chapel of St John Fisher, is usually open 8.00am to 10.00pm daily. Opening times may vary considerably over the vacation, and scheduled closures will be advertised in advance in inside noticeboards.

During the vacation, all are welcome to use the Fisher Room, its kitchen, the Library and Terrace. Students, members of the University and young adults can request interior card access at fisherhouse.org.uk/card-access.

If you're leaving Cambridge this weekend, from all of us at Fisher House, we wish you a safe journey, a restful vacation, and every blessing for the summer! See you again soon!

A SIGN-OFF FROM OUR ACTING CHAPLAIN

My dear friends,

This is the last newsletter of term, and so this is also my last reflection as Acting Chaplain. There is so much I could say, but, to be honest, there is also so much I cannot say: it's hard to find the words to express in any remotely adequate way all that is in my heart as I reflect on the year that is past and look towards the future.

So, I'm doing what I've been doing regularly over these last months, and seeking inspiration in the invitation to ponder our faith through the lens of the various celebrations the Church's liturgical calendar has offered us this past week.

And this week, we have celebrated several feasts of spiritual nourishment and challenge. On Monday, we started with St Alban, the first martyr of these islands (so far as we know) who, in exchanging clothes with a priest from the Roman imperial authorities buying for his blood, signed his own death warrant. On Thursday, we celebrated St John the Baptist, whose birth, uniquely in the Church's calendar, is celebrated with greater festivity than his own martyrdom – reminding us that, in his own words, we must decrease as Christ increases. And on Wednesday, we celebrated our patronal feast of Ss John Fisher and Thomas More, who provide such vivid encouragement to put all our talents at the service of our faith and to witness with courage and integrity in the public square.

We have been given icons this week, then, of the compassion, humility, and generosity we need to be the missionary disciples we are called to be. As we look backwards, we might do worse than to thank God for the many ways in which we have given and received just such gifts of compassion, humility, and generosity over the past year: all have certainly been evident in the life of Fisher House. And, as we look forward, we could certainly do no better than to pray for more of the same, sure that we will need such gifts in the future, and confident that God will give us all that we need.

Because, of course, to crown it all, we celebrated on Friday the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is in the heart of Jesus, alive with a love for each one of us that is both intimately human and divinely powerful, that we will find all the riches we require for whatever lies ahead for all of us. For that, above all, we can only be grateful.

So perhaps this is all that needs to be said: thank you. We should of course, first of all, thank God for entrusting us to each other this year; but I want, in ending, also to say thank you, therefore, to one each of you. You have all, often in ways you may not suspect, been gifts to me and to the whole community. Go forth in peace and joy, and have a blessed summer.

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

SOCIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY, 3.00PM TO 5.00PM MONDAY 27 JUNE

Join us from 3.00pm to 5.00pm this Monday 27 June for Fisher House's annual Garden Party!

Come for an afternoon of Pimm's, cakes, and croquet in the lovely garden of Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology (12-14 Grange Rd, CB3 9DU). Everyone is most welcome!

BARBEQUE WITH THE CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS OF CAMBRIDGE, FROM 12 NOON SATURDAY 2 JULY

Catholic Young Adults and Cambridge (CYAC) have teamed up with Fisher House's Graduate Society to provide a barbeque on Fisher House's Terrace, starting at 12 noon this coming Saturday 2 July.

CYAC and GradSoc will provide the food, but please bring your own drinks. CYAC will also host a bake sale to raise funds for the building repairs appeal at

Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Cambridge's parish church, where they are based. Do bring some cash to purchase something sweet or simply donate towards the cause – and, if you can't bring cash, why not bake some goodies for the sale, letting Julia (cyac.contact@gmail.com) know!

For those who wish, after the barbeque, a group will head over to Parker's Piece for live music at the Big Weekend. And finally, if it rains, we will just throw the things in the oven and party in the Fisher Room instead!

FISHER HOUSE NOTICES

WELCOMING FR OREST

We offer a belated welcome to **Fr Orest**, the newest priestly member of the Fisher House community. Fr Orest is from Ukraine and has settled in Cambridge to live with his son, who is a member of the University. He is a priest of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, and has been coming to Fisher House since last week to celebrate the Divine Liturgy, often on his own. Mostly, Fr Orest will be around weekday mornings and Sunday afternoons, but with no set times."

With Fr Orest's permission, we thought it important to let you know, particularly if you are around Fisher House during the week – so that we can all offer Fr Orest our fullest welcome. Fr Orest does not speak much English, but he does have an access card, so that he can make himself at home while he's visiting Fisher House (and please, do say hi and offer to be of any help!) We hope that we can also arrange sometime soon a more formal opportunity for everyone to participate in his rite.

FEEDBACK FORM

What works or doesn't work at Fisher House? What do you appreciate about Fisher House, and what's missing or how can we improve? What would you like to see added or changed? Do you have any views or ideas for the next termcard? Let us know by completing our termly feedback form at fisherhouse.org.uk/feedback.

LEAVING CAMBRIDGE? JOIN THE 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. Register at fisherhouse.org.uk/cuca-friends

FISHER HOUSE BREAKFAST, TOURS AND TEAS ON UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE OPEN DAYS, THURSDAY 7 AND FRIDAY 8 JULY

The University of Cambridge's Open Days take place on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 July. Fisher House extends a warm welcome to any prospective applicants and their parents or guests who would like to visit us for a tour of our facilities and teas!

- On Thursday 7 July, tours will be available from 9.30am until 11.00am, and from 3.00pm until 4.30pm, with breakfast at 9.00am and tea at 2.30pm.
- On Friday 8 July, tours will be available from 9.30am until 7.00pm, with breakfast at 9.00am and tea at 4.00pm.
- If none of these times work for you, or you are participating in the Open Days virtually, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Matteo (mb2481) to see if we can arrange a convenient time to meet.

Please do forward the invitation to any prospective applicants visiting Cambridge that you know. In addition, if you are a student or young adult in Cambridge during the Open Days and able to help, either by attending a tea or being available for tours, please get in touch with Matteo (mb2481).

LIVESTREAM CONSULTATION

At the end of the academic year, Matteo wishes to provide an open invitation for those who follow our Masses online to express any views or opinions as to the future of our online congregation, by getting in touch with him directly (mb2481). With much-reduced viewership numbers, among the options may be, for example, to move our usual livestreams to Zoom, returning some of the social elements that have been missed since the move from Facebook, albeit at the possible expense of rewatching past livestreams.

CATHOLIC CAMBRIDGE NOTICES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: REFUGEE WORK AT CROSSWAYS

Beth Shalom Reform Synagogue, in conjunction with It Takes A City and Cambridge City Council, are leasing Crossways (176 Chesterton Rd, CB4 1HZ), to provide a home for Ukrainian refugees whose arrangements with their sponsor have broken down for whatever reason. In addition, they want to use Crossways as a meeting place for Ukrainians, and possibly a venue for training and seminars (English language, job searching, accessing education, childcare or benefits, etc.).

They now are looking for volunteers to provide support to the guests and, if you have them, utilise your specific skills. For example, they may need cooks to provide an evening meal; Ukrainian and English speakers to help with form filling; teachers of English as a foreign language etc.. Even if your only skill is that you can listen to and befriend people traumatised by war and separation from their homeland, that would be very much appreciated.

For more information or if you are interested in helping, please email or call Laurie (E. laurie.coppersmith@gmail.com; M. 07949 931970), letting him know what you can offer and your availability.

EXTERNAL NOTICES

STUDY PARTICIPANTS WANTED: CHRISTIAN STUDENT ATTITUDES TO CLIMATE CHANGE

For her dissertation, an undergraduate student at the University of Oxford is looking for study participants to research how the Christian faith relates to student attitudes to climate change in the UK. Participants will take part in a 40-minute interview and/or a 45-minute focus group. To participate, you must identify as Christian and be a current student at a UK university. Please email Beth (bethany.jones@hertford.ox.ac.uk) or fill in the form at form.jotform.com/221753585048360.

CARMELITE LECTIO DIVINA WHATSAPP GROUP CHAT

Br Richard, who came to visit us at Fisher House for the Thanksgiving Mass for the Canonisation of St Titus Brandsma O. Carm. last week, invites you to join a Lectio Divina WhatsApp group chat for young Catholics. Each Monday, the Gospel passage for the following Sunday is posted to the WhatsApp group, and throughout the week, group members ponder the passage and add their comments, following the classic lectio method.

To join, simply ask Matteo ([mb2481](https://www.whatsapp.com/channel/00299a61100000000000/mb2481)) for the WhatsApp invite, including your mobile phone number.

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