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Coming up...



Stations of the Cross

Every **Friday during Lent** there will be Stations of the Cross in the **church at 12.30pm**. This devotion became popular in Europe during the Middle Ages when Jerusalem was increasingly available to Christian pilgrims. Images were erected in churches for those who could not make the pilgrimage to the Holy Land but who wished to follow in the footsteps of Jesus on His way to the cross... You are warmly invited to make this a part of your Lenten prayer.



Our RCIA group went on a retreat to Freshfield, Formby last weekend.

Sunday 14th February 2016 | 0161 273 1456 | general.muscc@gmail.com

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Group enjoyed their weekend in St Joseph's Retreat Centre, Freshfield. There was time and space to walk on the beach or in the woods and time to pray and begin to plan for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Fr William and Sr Cecilia worked with the group each day, even holding a choir practice to prepare the Sunday Mass.

Fr Tim gave us plenty of fun and laughs during the game of 'Mafia'.

In the picture are:

Christina, Charlotte, Declan, Margarida, Chris, Brenda, Hope, James, Keeley, Sr Nora and Fr William

Please **pray for us** all as we move towards Confirmation Day on May 1st

This week the main event going on at the Chaplaincy is the Week of Guided Prayer. The opening meeting is **this afternoon (Sunday) at 4.30pm**. There are **workshops on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm** that anyone can attend whether or not they are making the retreat.



Who are missing?

Look inside for the answer...



You can register with the Chaplaincy for regular updates on areas you are interested in – www.muscc.org/register

This Week's Events

This week at the Chaplaincy...

Monday 15th Feb

8.30am Morning Prayer—each weekday morning in the chapel for 15 minutes
6.30pm SVP meeting.
7.00-8.30pm – ‘Ways of Praying’ workshop.

Tuesday 16th Feb

1-3pm Intergenerational meal—see SVP news
10am-12pm Foodbank – serving the local community in crisis. (also Weds / Fri)
6.30-7pm Taizé prayer—in the chapel
7.00-8.30pm – ‘Discernment’ workshop.

Thursday 18th Feb

6.30pm Encounter group – Share your faith with other youth people throughout Lent.
8.00pm – Drink and discussion about World Youth Day in Oxford pub.
7.00-8.30pm – Workshop ‘Creating a Rule of Life’.

Friday 19th Feb

1pm-2pm Staff Bible Study
7pm Organ recital – Martin Baker from Westminster Cathedral will be playing for us
4.30-5.30pm – Closing meeting for Week of Guided Prayer participants.

Sunday 21st Feb

Mass – Please come along and join us for Mass: 9:15am hymns; 12pm classical choir; 7pm contemporary music.
8.00pm Dinner – after Mass join us for a great time together and home-made food (£3 for 2 courses).

Holy Week Pilgrimages

Taizé Pilgrimage



A coach service will operate from the UK to Taizé for Holy Week and Easter 2016. Departure will be on **Saturday 19th March**, for arrival in Taizé in the morning of Sunday 20th. Return will depart from Taizé in the afternoon of Sunday 27th March, to arrive back on **Monday 28th**.

Find details and book online at:
www.metapilgrim.com/easter.



Student Cross Walk

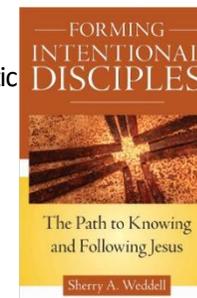


Students from around the country will be making a **walking pilgrimage** during Holy Week (**19-27 March**). Book at www.studentcross.org.uk

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

Monday - St Claude de la Colombiere is the only famous saint in the calendar this week. While he was based in the Jesuit residence at Paray-le-Monial in France he became the spiritual director of St Margaret Mary Alacoque whose visions of the Sacred Heart were the foundation of one of the most popular devotions in the history of the Church. He died in 1682.

New Book Club - Fr Tim recently met students in Oxford who were enthusiastic about a new book from the States called 'Forming Intentional Disciples' by Sherry Wedell. Br Geoff will be hosting a book club every Thursday. If you wish to join the group please contact Br Geoff (geoffteb@gmail.com).



A Heart of Fire



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday 20th of February 2016:

13:00 – 14:00: Recitation of Holy Hour Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
14:00 – 15:00: Silent Adoration (Personal Prayers).

Location: MUSCC chapel.
[Avila House, 335-337 Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PG.](http://www.muscc.org.uk)

Opening meeting for Week of Guided Prayer Sunday (today) 14th February 4.30pm-6pm

Individual meetings with your guide to be worked out at this opening, at a time that suits you. **This is the most important one to be at.**

Workshops during the week

Ways of Praying workshop Monday 7-8.30pm
Discernment workshop Tuesday 7-8.30pm
Creating a Rule of Life Thursday 7-8.30pm
Closing meeting Friday 19th 4.30pm-5.30pm

All these meetings to take place in the Catholic Chaplaincy, next door to Holy Name.

Anyone is welcome to the workshops, if you're making the retreat or not.



SVP News

ALL ARE WELCOME!



What: Intergenerational Dinner

When: Tuesday, 16th February

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



Where: Manchester Universities Catholic Chaplaincy
(across from the UofM Student Union)

Why: Come spend time with the elderly from St. Joseph's Home. Many of these people are 90+ years old and have no one left to visit them. You can make a difference in their lonely lives by spending time with them. Plus it's a free meal! ☺

Volunteers Needed: *If you are able to help cook, serve, assist with games/activities, and/or clean up, please contact Ryan at svp.muscc@outlook.com.*

Want to volunteer and give back to the community?

We are always looking for University student volunteers to give their time and talents to help the work of the SVP 1833. Want to learn more about what we do and how you can get involved?

Attend our Monday meeting - **6:30PM at the Catholic Chaplaincy** (across from the UofM Student Union).

 Join our FB group: **SVP MUSCC**



SVP News

Thank you to everyone that participated in Pancake Tuesday! It was a big success!



FOODBANK news

Thank you for your donations to the foodbank. Below is a list of items we need; you can leave donations in the collection boxes at the back of the church.

Sugar (500g)

Long-life fruit juice

Milk (UHT or powdered)

Soup

Pasta Sauces

Sponge Pudding (tinned)

Tinned Tomatoes

Rice Pudding (tinned)

Tea Bags/ Instant Coffee

Instant Mash Potato

Rice/ Pasta

Tinned Meat

Tinned Fish

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Vegetables

Biscuits or Snack Bars

Mini-Food Drive Tuesday 16th February

We are doing a mini-food drive outside the Sainsbury's Local on Oxford Road (just down from the Holy Name Church) between 10am and 2pm. We need volunteers to help man the collection point and bring the food back to the foodbank to weigh and sort. If anyone is able to help out, even just for an hour, please email Dan at Info@ManchesterCentral.Foodbank.org.uk.

Pancake Day Fundraiser

The foodbank would like to thank everyone who supported the joint SVP, Chaplaincy and Foodbank Pancake Day fundraiser. The day was a big success with over 600 pancakes sold. Thanks in particular to all our pancake cooks who helped the event run smoothly throughout the day.

Missing and found

You may have realised that most of the altar servers who usually serve in the sanctuary are missing this Sunday. The altar servers are having a spiritual retreat in Formby this weekend.

Altar servers perform an important ministry in the church by assisting the priest and helping the congregation to pray the Mass. Every Mass is enriched through their dedication and service. In his speech to altar servers, Pope Francis said: "Thank you for serving at the Lord's altar and for making of this service a real school of learning the faith, and charity toward your neighbour. Thank you also for having begun to respond to the Lord, like the prophet Isaiah, "Here I am. Send me" (Is 6:8)".

As we appreciate their efforts in making our worship more meaningful and



deeply felt, let us remember them in our prayers.

If you feel that **you** would like to offer this service to God and to the rest of the community by becoming an altar server **contact Fr William or Kevin (kevinyslo@hotmail.com)**.