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SUPPORT MISSION Tanzania! Our Lady Prayer Cards ON SALE NOW



Our chaplaincy Office Manager, Steph, has put her artistic talents to good use.

She has hand drawn these beautiful prayer cards bearing the image of Our Lady of Schoenstatt to raise money for the chaplaincy volunteering mission in Tanzania this summer.

Individual cards: 50p | Packs of 10: £2

To get yours, ask at the chaplaincy office or pay safely through Steph's JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/musccmissionafrica2016

OPEN RETREAT: FRESHFIELD – Sat 23rd – Sun 24th April

We are planning for our last retreat in Freshfield this semester. We will meet at the Chaplaincy at 12 noon for lunch on Saturday and then travel together to St. Joseph's Prayer Centre. If you want to come, please let us know and pay your £10.00 deposit, in the Chaplaincy Office ASAP. It will be great to have some time again by the sea in this beautiful setting.



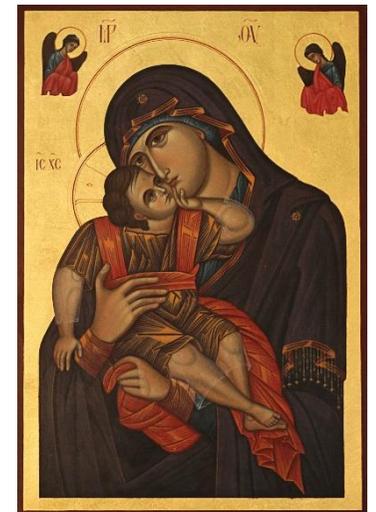
'Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.' – Luke 12:32 (a picture from Student Cross Easter pilgrimage)

Sunday 17th April 2016 | 0161 273 1456 | general.muscc@gmail.com

Welcome Back - it was great to hear over recent days the different Easter experiences from students and friends as they return to Manchester. Easter was celebrated in beautiful ways in many different places. We had a group of students walking to Walsingham carrying the cross, on two separate legs of 'Student Cross'. Stories have also been shared from Rome with Pope Francis, from various places in Africa, Malaysia, South America, Lithuania.... the list goes on! Some students and staff were in Taizé in France with 3000 young people from all over the world - there is a wonderful video on our webpage from Taizé with the acclamation 'Christ is Risen' in over thirty languages. The hope and the light that the Resurrection gives the world has spread 'to the ends of the earth' as Jesus missioned his disciples. Before we get too focused on exams and deadlines, it is worth pausing and treasuring that renewed Easter Faith. How will we spread this hope and our faith amongst our friends and communities?

Sadly I was also talking to someone who had celebrated Easter in Lahore where the dreadful attack against Christians was carried out. Today at 5pm in the Church we are consecrating an Icon which has been 'written' for us by Studite Sisters in the Ukraine.

The Madonna of Tenderness (Panagia Eleusia) will be placed in the middle chapel which we are dedicating for prayer for Persecuted Christians around the world. John Pontifex from Aid to the Church in Need will be speaking of his visits to Syria and Iraq. Please remember to pop in during the week to light a candle and pray for those who are being persecuted and for those who persecute them. Let us remember that First Easter, "A light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it" (Jn 1:5).



The ONE NIGHT Icon commissioned from the Studite Sisters in Lviv, Ukraine

This Week's Events

This week at the Chaplaincy...

Monday 18th April

8.30am - Morning Prayer: each weekday morning in the chapel for 15 minutes

6.30pm - SVP Meeting.

Tuesday 19th April

10am-12pm - Foodbank: serving the local community in crisis (also Weds / Fri).

Wednesday 20th April

7-8.30pm - RCIA Group Meeting.

Thursday 21st April

7.00 – 9.00pm – Encounter Faith and Discussion Group

Friday 22nd April

1pm-2pm - Staff Bible Study.

Saturday 23rd April

4.00pm – Leaving to Freshfield for a General Chaplaincy retreat. All are welcome to join us. We'll be coming back on Sunday afternoon.

Sunday 24th April

Mass - Please come along and join us for Mass

- 12pm Classical Choir
- 7pm Contemporary Music Ministry

UoM NO DICE CONCERT

Thursday 21st April, 7.00pm
Holy Name Church

A chamber ensemble will perform student compositions. An excellent chance to hear the contemporary classical music sound.

ONE NIGHT for Religious Freedom

Please join us today from 5.00pm in the Holy Name for this special ACN event in support of suffering Christians. John Pontifex is giving a talk which will be followed by the unveiling of the ONE NIGHT Icon, which will reside here in the Holy Name. Refreshments in the Chaplaincy afterwards. All are welcome!



The Icon was inspired by an image owned by

Maggie Fleming, a parishioner at Holy Name Church who died in 2002. Maggie worked at an orphanage in Romania and was presented with her icon by the nuns with whom she worked. The Icon was blessed by His Grace Jean-Clément Jeanbart, the Greek Melkite Archbishop of Aleppo, on 7 October 2015.

 Aid to the Church in Need
North West

ONE NIGHT for Religious Freedom

An Event in Support of Suffering Christians

5pm: 'Syria and Iraq –
Eye-witness reports from the Frontline of Persecution'
a talk by **John Pontifex**,
ACN's Head of Press & Information

5:50pm: Meet the ONE NIGHT Icon
6pm: Reception
6:30pm: Silent Prayer
7pm: Holy Mass

Entrance free; all are welcome!

Sunday 17 APRIL 2016
5pm-8pm
HOLY NAME CHURCH
OXFORD ROAD
MANCHESTER M13 9PG

To learn more about ONE NIGHT,
please visit www.acnuk.org/onenight

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Aid to the Church in Need - A Parish Foundation of the Catholic Church and a registered charity in England and Wales (109086) and in Scotland (SC345748)

This week's Saints

Wednesday - St Beuno (pronounced bye-no) was a Welsh abbot of the 7th century who is honoured as the patron of our very popular Jesuit retreat centre - check out its website! www.beunos.com

Thursday - St Anselm (Italian by birth) was the first Archbishop of Canterbury to stand up to the Norman kings over control of the Church; remembered also as a philosopher.

Friday - Our Lady Mother of the Society of Jesus is celebrated by the Jesuit Order in honour of Mary's place in God's plan of salvation - and in our hearts.

Saturday - St George is the patron saint of England - and many other places! Probably of Syrian origin, he was a 3rd-century soldier who converted from paganism to become a champion of Christ.



Great to see Henry Longbottom SJ used in the recent promotional material by the National Vocations Office. Many of you will recognise him from Easter at the Holy Name - the vocations website: www.ukvocation.org Visit our 'vocations' table at the back of the Church.

Science and Scripture
in Christianity and Islam

Christian PhD students, postdocs or early career researchers in a **scientific field** are invited to take part in a **survey** that explores the relationship between modern science and religious scriptures. Find out more at: www.sciencescripture.org

Weekday Morning Prayer 8.30am

Join us for Morning Prayer Mon-Fri during term time, followed by a simple breakfast. A great way to start the day - and ensure a productive day of study as exams approach. Get into the habit! Entrance to Chapel through the side gate.

MORNING
PRAYER



SVP News



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GET INVOLVED!

L'Arche celebrates people with learning disabilities and builds circles of support around them. They go beyond basic needs to attend to people's emotional and spiritual lives.

Please contact svp.muscc@outlook.com if interested in learning more about the volunteer opportunities with L'Arche Manchester.

<http://www.larchemanchester.org.uk/>



Cornerstone is a day centre in Manchester that provides services to vulnerable and disadvantaged adults, including the homeless that our SVP volunteers meet during our food runs. Please consider supporting them by participating in their Big Sleep-Out event on 22nd April! Visit www.cornerstonebigsleepout.co.uk for more details.



BINGO FUN at Little Sisters of the Poor – St. Joseph's Elderly Home

Want to volunteer and give back to the community?

Opportunities to volunteer include:

- Helping the homeless by participating in Food Runs
- Mentoring students through a breakfast club at a Primary School
- Befriending the elderly at a care home
- Spending time with adults that have learning disabilities

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?

FOODBANK news

RNCM Fundraising Concert

A big thank you to students Xuan Wang and Fangtong Liu for organising the Royal Northern College of Music charity concert at the start of April. The event and accompanying bake-sale were hosted here at the Chaplaincy and Holy Name Church and both proved to be real success, raising a fantastic £124 for our foodbank.

You can watch a short video clip of the concert, produced by Chaplaincy music group leader Lisa Burns, on our Chaplaincy website: www.muscc.org and on the Foodbank Facebook page.



GREAT MANCHESTER 10K RUN Saturday 22nd May



We are still looking for volunteers to participate in the 10k run on behalf of our foodbank.

Please email: fundraising@manchestercentral.foodbank.org.uk for more information!

If you wish to sponsor our team please visit our fundraising page: www.campaign.justgiving.com/charity/m-c-f/greatmanchesterrun10k

Low Stock Items

The foodbank is currently running really low on the following items:

- small bags of sugar
- long-life fruit juice



Please contact:

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For fundraising: fundraising@manchestercentral.foodbank.org.uk

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