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... at St Joseph's Prayer Centre at Freshfield



Thanks to special funding, the chaplaincy is able to subsidise these weekends at Freshfield and also the silent retreats offered at the Jesuit Centre at St Beuno's in north Wales. Why not take some time to deepen your relationship with God?



St Joseph's statue



*And as the dawn breaks and the clouds clear, in an open space
together we will run...*

(Lyrics from a song *Steady Heart*, written by Steffany Frizzell-Gretzinger)

Sunday 1st of May 2016 | 0161 273 1456 | general.muscc@gmail.com

LOVING THE CHURCH

Some years ago it used to be common to hear people say "Yes to Jesus, No to the Church!", or words to that effect. While happy to accept the teachings and example of Jesus as a model for living, they were not happy to accept the Church. Is such a division possible? How do we know Jesus apart from the community of those who belong to him in faith? Even the New Testament comes to us from the community - the early Church. Today we welcome our Bishop, John Arnold, to the 7pm Mass for the Confirmation of eleven young adults, five of whom are being received into full communion with the

Catholic Church. They have all completed a lengthy and searching preparation in the RCIA programme before making this commitment. They are saying a very big Yes to the Church. As we celebrate with them, their catechists, sponsors, friends and family let's renew our own commitment to the Church: "One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic". She is not free from sin - not as long as she is made up of sinners. But her members are saints in the making. Her holiness comes from Christ and from the working of the Holy Spirit. Pray for the Church and her work throughout the world. Pray for her Bishops and for all her members. And above all, love her!



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 2nd May – Bank holiday

There will be morning prayer but will not be fully open

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

5.30-6.30pm - Prayer and Mass for vocations.

6.30pm - SVP meeting.

Tuesday 3rd May

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

1-4pm – Chinese Mass in the Chapel and lunch afterwards in Strada room.

6.30pm – Taizé prayer

Wednesday 4th May

6.30pm – Aid to the Church in Need prayer in Calvary Chapel of Holy Name

Friday 6th May

1pm-2pm - Staff Bible Study.

7-10pm – Nightfever. Drop in during three hours of Adoration, calm music—the perfect time for reflection. If you're interested in volunteering, training will be held in Chaplaincy at 6.30pm.

Sunday 8th May

Mass - Please come along and join us for Mass: 9:15am hymns; 12pm classical choir; 7pm contemporary music followed by dinner in the Chaplaincy.

8.00pm – Dinner after Mass join us for a great time together and home-made food (£3 for 2 courses).



MAY – THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

Throughout this month we will be praying the Rosary on weekdays at 5.15pm in the Chapel. Join us for a united prayer to ask Our Lady to intercede that our community may be blessed by God.

The prayer of invocation of the Holy Spirit during confirmation

All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by water and the Holy Spirit
you freed your sons and daughters
from sin
and gave them new life.
Send your Holy Spirit upon them
to be their helper and guide.
Give them the spirit of wisdom and
understanding,
the spirit of right judgment and
courage,
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.
Fill them with the spirit of wonder and
awe in your presence.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

This week's Saints

Monday - St Athanasius was a bishop and martyr whose sturdy defence of the Trinity helped keep the early Church free from doctrinal error. He was based at Alexandria, centre of a thriving Christianity in Egypt and all of northern Africa.

Tuesday – SS Philip and James were among the original disciples chosen by Jesus. Philip has a few verses of speech in the Gospels but of this James (there are two others) we know next to nothing. Both died for the Faith in the course of spreading the Good News.

Wednesday – The English Martyrs were the many men and women who died for the Catholic Faith from the time of Elizabeth to the end of Charles II's reign. They were victims of the laws which made support of the Catholic cause treasonable. Their example helped keep the Faith alive.



Fr David Stewart SJ will be here next weekend to preach at all the masses about the Apostleship of Prayer - historically a Jesuit initiative to unite our prayers with the Pope's intentions - this is being rebranded as the Popes Prayer Group.



**Pope's Worldwide
Prayer Network**

www.clicktopray.org



Our retreat at St Joseph's Prayer Centre in Freshfield last weekend – a time of fellowship and shared faith, of walks on the beach and silent prayer. We started off with a beach-walk and felt that "Freshfield" is well-named—it was very windy and "fresh". After supper we reflected that we were spending the days with Jesus, just as the disciples on the road to Emmaus were with

him.

(more photos on the back page)





SVP News

Do you enjoy **gardening** and/or **cooking**?

L'Arche needs your help!



If you are able to spare a few hours to help work in the garden one afternoon and/or help cook a meal in the evening at L'Arche Manchester, please email Ryan at svp.muscc@outlook.com with the dates and times of your availability. Feel free to bring a friend!

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?

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

 Join our FB group: **SVP MUSCC**



SVP News

Save the date!



The Chaplaincy has a close working relationship with local PCSO Sarah Monaghan and we are keen for her to come and give a talk here in May as she is currently a volunteer at MASH (Manchester Action for Street Health.) which supports sex workers within Greater Manchester. (<http://www.mash.org.uk/>)

We have asked Sarah to give a short presentation on human trafficking and sexual exploitation, alongside her role at MASH and the work the GMP does to support the victims of human trafficking and modern slavery.

Monday 9th May - Sarah will give a short talk at **6.30pm** at the **Catholic Chaplaincy** and then open the floor for questions and discussion.

All University students are welcome to attend!

FOODBANK news

Low Stock Items

We are currently running low on the following food and toiletries for our parcels.

Tinned meat

Tinned fruit

Toothpaste

Thank you to all those who generously donated coffee and tinned meat to our foodbank last week following our request.

Donations

- We received 157kg of food from Sugar Free TV, a production service company based in Manchester.
- We also received 99kg of toiletries and food from the customers and staff at Tesco Gorton (see photo)
- Charlotte Crowley ran the Manchester Marathon earlier in the month and has managed to raise an incredible £640 so far for our foodbank!



Save the Date!

Foodbank Bake Sale **(Monday 9th May)**
 Piccadilly Station Fundraiser **(June 24th)**
 Summer Food Drive **(June 31st-July 2nd)**

Great Manchester 10k Run

Sunday 22nd May

Deadline to sign up is Tuesday 3rd of 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!

A warm welcome to Carlos who joined the team recently! Best of luck with your training.

If you wish to sponsor our team please visit:

www.campaign.justgiving.com/charity/m-c-f/greatmanchesterrun10k

Prayer group for Persecuted Christians



Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is a Catholic Church charity, supporting the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. It works on different projects in 130 countries around the world, to support Church in its mission and to help Christians and other religious minorities in their suffering.

Following the installation of the icon, 'Mother of Tenderness', at Holy Name Church, Hinna Parvez was appointed as the new Parish Representative of our church for the *Aid to the Church in Need*. She will be working for ACN in Manchester, primarily in raising awareness in the community and youth about the persecution that our faithful Christians suffer in different parts of the world. One way of showing our love and tenderness to these people is to come together and pray for them.

We will be starting a prayer group for Persecuted Christians from **Wednesday 4th April, at 6.30pm**. We will meet in the Chapel of Calvary (mid-chapel) and pray in front of the icon dedicated for Persecuted Christians. It will be great to see you there, please join us if you could.

Also we will be organising events and talks in near future, where you could get involved. Feel free to drop her an email or catch her for a chat, if interested to be a part of our team.

Hinna's e-mail address: hinnapz@gmail.com

