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 **Manchester Universities' Catholic Chaplaincy**

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### THE END OF YEAR CHAPLAINCY BBQ

On 5<sup>th</sup> of June after 7pm Mass we will have a barbeque in our garden. This beautiful evening is becoming a tradition to celebrate end of term together as a one big family and enjoy a beautiful weather outside. Food and drinks will be provided by the Chaplaincy, however any other refreshments or pudding is always welcome. We will end the evening with songs and marshmallows around a campfire.

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**'What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God.'**

(Thank you Fr Ian, for being a gift to the world for 76 years)

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2016 | 0161 273 1456 | [general.muscc@gmail.com](mailto:general.muscc@gmail.com)

Last week we celebrated the feast of Pentecost—God sends gifts of the Holy Spirit to our lives. Eight weeks ago our church celebrated Easter when Jesus brought everlasting hope for the world. Last year – it now seems a long time ago – we celebrated Christmas, the incarnation of the Son of God. These are the most important feasts in our Church. Each celebration has its own mystery, but they all have in common that the Holy Trinity makes these mysteries possible.

On this Sunday especially we remember the Holy Trinity. It is the foundational expression of our faith in the mystery of God. Perhaps in everyday life we forget that our God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. But when we remember that we begin and conclude every prayer with the sign of the cross we can find a lot of opportunities to think on the Holy Trinity. Actually, this mystery of faith is not so far away from

our everyday lives. If we cross ourselves, we touch our forehead and we say “In the name of the Father”. He is above in heaven and creator of the earth. Then we run our hand down and we say “and of the Son”. He came on earth and proclaimed the gospel. After this we touch the left and the right shoulder accompanied by the words “and the Holy Spirit”. The Holy Spirit is in our world and surrounds our reality.

This sign with the words is the shortest creed and a summary of our faith. All the mysteries of our feasts in the Church find expression in this sign. Perhaps the sign of the cross can help us remember today that we believe in the mystery of the Holy Trinity, God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

You can register with the Chaplaincy for regular updates on areas you are interested in – [www.muscc.org/register](http://www.muscc.org/register)



# This Week's Events

## *This week at the Chaplaincy...*

### Each weekday

**8.30am** - Morning Prayer: in the chapel for 15 minutes

**5.15pm** – Rosary: in the chaplaincy chapel.

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May

**6.45pm** – prayer for persecuted Christians in the Calvary chapel in the Holy Name Church

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

**1pm-2pm** – Staff Bible Study.

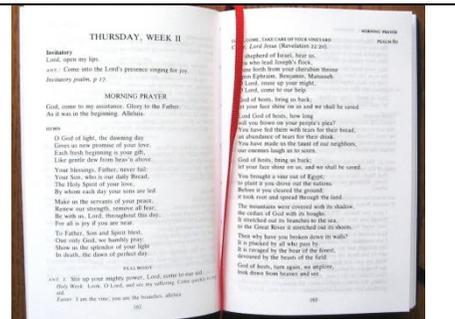
### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**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: a great time together and home-made food (£3 for 2 courses).

### Coming up...

End-of-year BBQ on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June after the 7pm Mass



### Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer in the chapel on weekdays has really taken off lately. We start at 8.30am and we use the official Prayer of the Church, which means that we are united with countless Christians throughout the world in praying the Divine Office. We may be feeling a bit sluggish or distracted, but we can take assurance from the fact that our voice is part of an unceasing chorus of praise and petition - a channel of grace! The prayer takes about a quarter of an hour and then we have a hot breakfast. This is a great way to start the day and might be just what's needed during exam time. Come along!



If anyone is interested in doing Homeless Runs over the summer, please email [svp.muscc@outlook.com](mailto:svp.muscc@outlook.com)

## This week's Saints

**Tuesday** – We honour Our Lady of the Street (Madonna della Strada), the title of the first Jesuit church in Rome (now the Gesu) and a fitting reminder of Mary's presence in our active lives. The Strada Chapel with its ancient image is the last on the right-hand side of the church.

**Thursday** – St Philip Neri (16<sup>th</sup> c) was devoted to the service of the ordinary people of Rome and founded the Oratory of Divine Love. We remember with gratitude the 20 years of sacred ministry provided by the Oratorians here at Holy Name until 2012.

**Friday** – St Augustine of Canterbury (7<sup>th</sup> c) was the great apostle to the Germanic tribes (Angles and Saxons) who migrated to our island. Missioned by Pope Gregory the Great, he oversaw the Christianisation of southern England.



Augustine of Canterbury



Madonna della Strada



**"Faith is a flame that grows stronger the more it is shared and passed on".**

We invite young volunteers to help (with leading groups, singing, acting, taking pictures, etc.) in a youth Congress called *Convivio*.

*Convivio* is a Congress for Catholic students in secondary school, that is taking place once more **in Manchester on 13th-14th July** at Holy Cross College in Bury (9.30am-2.30pm).

This year's theme will be 'Mercy begins with ME' and it will include a variety of activities centred on Mercy. If you would like to get involved in the organising team as a volunteer, please contact us:

[Gabriela.Teixeira@dioceseofsalford.org](mailto:Gabriela.Teixeira@dioceseofsalford.org)



## Prayer Group for Persecuted Christians

### Last week:

Thanks everyone for joining us in our prayer last week for Asia Bibi, who is sentenced to death for allegedly committing blasphemy in 2009.

### This week:

We join the international call for prayers for Aleppo, northern Syria. Speaking to *Aid to the Church in Need*, Fr Ibrahim Alsabagh, describes it as the worst destruction ever before throughout the last five years of war in Syria.

Please let us know if you want us to pray for your friends or family, living as religious minorities anywhere in the world.

Contact: Hinna ([hinnapz@gmail.com](mailto:hinnapz@gmail.com))



**DON'T LET OUR  
DOCTORS  
BECOME  
KILLERS**  
**#LivesWorthLiving**  
Lives Worth Living A campaign of SPUC Pro-Life

### Petition 'Three Days to Live'

A new petition against euthanasia has been launched by the SPUC *Lives Worth Living* campaign. The petition is addressed to the Chief Executives of the NHS in England/Wales. This petition points to new guidelines in NHS hospitals which put elderly and terminally ill people at risk. Patients can

be given powerful drugs, depriving them of the ability to communicate, and masking the distress of dehydration. Anyone subject to this treatment is certain to die, not from their illness, but from dehydration. This amounts to euthanasia by dehydration. Please support the petition and help protect vulnerable people from euthanasia.

To sign the petition or order copies of petition to collect more signatures contact SPUC headquarters (020 7091 7091) or email: [lizfoody@spuc.org.uk](mailto:lizfoody@spuc.org.uk)

We are currently running low on the following items for our food parcels:

- **Instant coffee**
- **Small bags of sugar (500g)**

Thank you to all those who generously donated items to our foodbank last week following our request!



### Great Manchester 10k Run on Sunday 22nd May

Our foodbank team is running the Great Manchester Run 10k this Sunday to raise money for our foodbank. Thank you to all those running for the foodbank and anyone who has donated so far! Our fundraising total is currently **£867.60**

If you wish to donate our team please visit:

[campaign.justgiving.com/charity/m-c-f/greatmanchesterrun10k](https://campaign.justgiving.com/charity/m-c-f/greatmanchesterrun10k)

### Thank You!

Thank you to all those who volunteered at our Tesco Food Drive yesterday in Gorton. The day was a great success and we will let you know how much we collected and raised next week once we have weighed in all the donations!

### Piccadilly Station Fundraiser

Network Rail have kindly arranged for our foodbank to undertake a fundraiser at Piccadilly Station on Friday June 24th between 7am and 7pm. We need volunteers on the day to help us collect donations at the station and hand out information leaflets about our foodbank. Should anyone wish to volunteer on the day for a couple hours, please email:

[volunteering@manchestercentral.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@manchestercentral.foodbank.org.uk)

## Chaplaincy Committee – 2016/17

We will be forming the chaplaincy committee for next academic year in a few weeks so that we can prepare for welcome week in September.

Members of the committee co-ordinate various aspects of chaplaincy life and act, e.g. SVP, Sunday evening meal preparation and clean up, Mass readers, Eucharistic ministers, post-graduate student activities, etc.



The committee members also meet to talk about how things are going at the chaplaincy and any new initiatives that students

would like. If you have an interest in an area of chaplaincy life, something that is already going or something that you would like to see established, please talk with Fr Tim or one of the chaplaincy team.



On Saturday 18th June, Fr Christopher Jamison OSB will be delivering a day for Retreat House Chester, at Chester Cathedral: 'Monastic Wisdom for Today's Choices'. The day consists of two separate events - morning and afternoon - and it is possible to book both or just one.

The morning event (10.30am - 12.15pm) is 'Making Choices with your Time: making time for God', and the afternoon (1.15pm - 3pm) is 'Making Choices for your Life: making decisions with God'. Each session is £6, but for the afternoon there is a rate of £5 for Under-25s.

Further details, including booking information is on our website: [www.retreathousechester.co.uk](http://www.retreathousechester.co.uk)

CatholicVoices

### NATIONAL PUBLIC SPEAKERS TRAINING

Catholic Voices are focusing on training people to give talks, presentations and organize workshops on how to more effectively tell the Church's story. The 6<sup>th</sup> national training will take place in central London in October, 2016. The participation is free of charge, but to get involved with this program applicants are asked to attend an interview, which will be held on: 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> of June.

If you'd like to apply for this great opportunity, ask for a copy of application by writing to this email: [info@catholicvoices.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicvoices.org.uk)

**Application deadline: 28<sup>th</sup> of May.**

Climate change gets a lot of attention because it is a serious environmental threat but it is not by any means the only threat to our common home. Chapter 1 of *Laudato si*, the encyclical last year *On Care for our Common Home* makes this point (you can download a pdf of the encyclical from the Vatican website). One of the other major threats is species extinction because of loss of habitat. For example during the last 200 years 421 species have been killed out in the UK. The number is far greater worldwide.

CAFOD is preparing to launch a campaign to raise awareness of these issues and to enable us to make a difference by providing nesting places for birds or bats.



Last week we hung two **BoB (bird or bat) boxes** in the trees in the chaplaincy garden. CAFOD are producing BoB boxes in flat-packs. We made a video of them being put up which we hope to pass on to CAFOD for the campaign.



**If you are interested** in getting a BoB box for **your garden**, either in Manchester or at your family home and might also be willing to make a video when you put it up, please contact Br Geoff ([geoffteb@gmail.com](mailto:geoffteb@gmail.com)).