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## Coming up...

**Night Fever on Friday 5 February 7.30-10pm.** Come to the chaplaincy at 6.30pm if you would like to join the team of welcomers.

## Refugee Response

Last Sunday was world day of Migrants and Refugees and next Sunday our diocese of Salford will have a special Sunday devoted to the diocesan initiative to respond to refugees.



Chaplaincy team had a planning away-day in Freshfield (12<sup>th</sup> of January).

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2016 | 0161 273 1456 | [general.muscc@gmail.com](mailto:general.muscc@gmail.com)

Welcome back after the Christmas season. You will be able to enjoy our crib until 2 February, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Luke 2.22-38).

In the second reading today St Paul writes about the body being made up of various parts. After the exams you might feel like all-brain (or no-brain) or all-hand (unused to writing). In the next few weeks there will be several retreats to remind you of your spirit.

There will be **weekend retreats** for the RCIA group, the altar servers and the SVP group. In addition, there will be a **week of guided prayer** open to all students beginning on *Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 4.30pm*. During the week you continue to do most of your normal activities, but you give at least half an hour a day to prayer and another half hour a day to meet with

a prayer guide.

The week will be led by Steve Hoyland who came in December to help us prepare for Christmas with three workshops. On *Wednesday evenings 5-6pm*, beginning on *3<sup>rd</sup> February* there will be a **weekly prayer workshop**, following a similar pattern to Steve's workshops. The prayer will use one of the readings for the following Sunday.

Praying with the readings before Mass can help you get more from them during Mass and can help you to realise when the scripture is being fulfilled in your own life as it was when Jesus proclaimed it in the synagogue in the gospel today (Luke 4.21). You may become more aware of how the Holy Spirit is at work in your own life.



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...

## Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan

**8.30am Morning Prayer** –meet in the Chapel every weekday morning to start our day with a prayer (come in through the gate between chaplaincy and church).

**6.30pm SVP meeting.**

## Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan

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

**6.30-7pm Taizé prayer**—in the chapel

## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan

**1.00pm-2.00pm Staff Bible Study**

**7pm African Mass**—in the chapel; followed by a meal in the chaplaincy.



## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan

**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).

This the international week of prayer for Christian Unity. Christian Unity is the Pope's evangelisation intention this month. There are calendars and leaflets at the back of the church for the Apostleship of Prayer, which is now being called the Pope's prayer network.



During Lent a diocesan "Mercy Bus" will visit various places. The bus will carry a group of priests who will be available to hear confessions, give a blessing or have a chat. The bus will **need volunteers** (18-35years old) who will travel with the bus and engage people in conversation about the bus or offer them a miraculous medal. Volunteers will have a **training day on Sunday 31st January 3-5pm** in the Assembly Room at **Salford Cathedral**, 3 Ford Street, M3 6DP. To register as a volunteer contact Lorraine Leonard (lorraine.leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk). The bus will go to the following places-  
In February: 6th Salford, 13th Bolton, 20th Burnley, 27th Blackburn  
In March: 5th Rochdale, 12th Ashton, 19th North Manchester, 22nd South Manchester

## THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

**Monday** – The Conversion of St Paul marks the "second founding" of the Church. As Peter was the leader and the centre of the mission to Israel, so Paul became the apostle to the world. His letters to the early churches are the first documents that show what a Christian life is all about.

**Tuesday** – SS Timothy and Titus are mentioned in the New Testament writings as founders of new churches at the time of the Apostles. They represent the next generation of Christians and the importance of apostolic succession.

**Thursday** – St Thomas Aquinas was the greatest Catholic philosopher of the middle ages and is a patron saint of students. In his voluminous works he united Faith and Reason, the "two wings" that carry us to Truth.

## ORGAN RECITAL

Next Organ Recital at the Holy Name Church will be held on:  
**January 29<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm**



By: **Benjamin Sheen**

From: **St Thomas Church 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, New**

## Year of Mercy Student Pilgrimage

From Farm Street Church to Westminster Cathedral:

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

**TIMETABLE FOR THE DAY:**

**11.00am:** arrivals at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH.

**11.30am:** CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS and Year of Mercy Prayers.

**12.30pm:** pilgrimage walk to Westminster Cathedral via Green Park and Buckingham Palace, with lunch on the way.

**2pm onwards:** enter the Holy Door at Westminster Cathedral in small groups; visit the Pathway of Mercy inside the Cathedral; opportunity for confessions; etc.

**3pm onwards:** departures. For students at university or other higher education institutions – all welcome. For further info, contact: [chris@universitycatholic.net](mailto:chris@universitycatholic.net)

## Sacrament of Confirmation

If you would like to be Confirmed this year please contact Fr William regarding preparation for this sacrament.

