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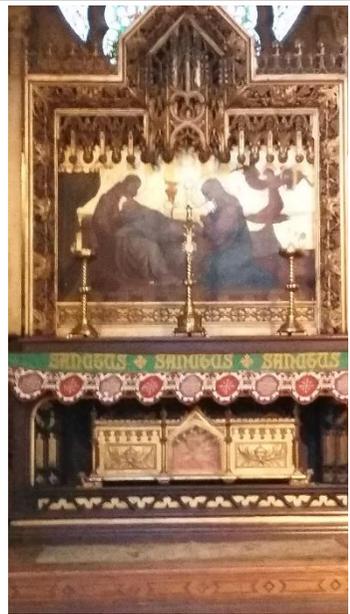
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We welcome the return of the altar piece that belongs to the altar of St Joseph. On the far left hand side of the sanctuary. The painting depicts the death of St Joseph in the arms of Mary and Jesus. The frame was damaged in a fall and was restored and replaced last week.

Our church is full of so many beautiful works of art, all created to the glory of God. Maintaining such a heritage is costly and we appreciate donations from the faithful. If you would like to contribute in the safe at the back of the church marked "Church".



'Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.' – Psalm 119:105
(Picture was taken by Rokas Balsys, during the Nightfever here at Holy Name)

Sunday 28th February 2016 | 0161 273 1456 | general.muscc@gmail.com

One of the themes in this week's readings is sin and judgement which is fitting in this year of mercy. The second reading reminds us that sin is real and has consequences that cannot be ignored. St Paul reminds us to heed the warning in the consequences of the sins of others. Jesus warned against judging how sinful other people are by their circumstances and things that happen to them. He too tells us to take sin and its consequences seriously. But his parable of the fruitless fig tree should also give us confidence in the mercy of God who is prepared to 'leave it one more year', not because our sin does not matter, but because God's timescales are much longer than our own and would rather see us repent and live (Ezekiel 18:32).

The first reading tells the story of Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush. In his experience we see a balance between

reverence for God, when Moses takes off his shoes to acknowledge the holiness of the ground of this encounter. Although Moses is afraid to look at God, God has noticed the plight of his people and heard their cry and is going to act powerfully to liberate them from slavery. Let us be confident that God hears our cry and wants to liberate us from our slavery, whatever that might be.

On **Friday, NightFever at 7.30pm** in the church, is an opportunity for us to encounter the God who is and to introduce others to the holy ground of our church. There is also a Franciscan festival this week and a talk on the encyclical with a Franciscan title *Laudato si*.



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 29th Feb

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

6.30pm SVP meeting.

Tuesday 1st March

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

Wednesday 2nd March

7-8.30pm RCIA

Thursday 3rd March

7.30pm Franciscan festival—*Re-inventing Religious Life*

Friday 4th March

12.30pm Stations of the Cross

1pm-2pm Staff Bible Study

6.45-7.45pm Scripture Prayer Group—in the chaplaincy

7.30pm-10pm Night Fever—come to the chaplaincy at 6.30pm if you would like to volunteer

Saturday 5th March

Sunday 6th March

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).

24 Hours for the Lord



In this year of Mercy, our Holy Father Pope Francis has asked that Friday, 4th March until Saturday, 5th March 2016 be set aside as “24 Hours for the Lord.”

In response to this invitation, there will be an opportunity to visit the Lord and celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation in Salford Cathedral during Friday, 4th March and Saturday, 5th March from 9.00am to 9.00pm each day. If you can give a specific time to ‘watch with the Lord,’ please contact the Cathedral parish office on [0161-817-2210](tel:0161-817-2210).

Spiritual Reading in Lent

A good way to nourish Christian life is through reading good books. The Chaplaincy has a fine library on the **second floor**. There are works on spirituality and prayer, the saints and the life of Christ, theology and other worthwhile topics. You can sign books out for as long as you need. **Come and look!**

Novena of Grace

in Honour of St Francis Xavier

This annual devotion is celebrated from March 4th to March 12th and there will be novena prayers at every Mass. During the weekdays our novena preacher will be Pat Corkery NSJ, a Jesuit novice of the Irish Province, who is currently on assignment to the Chaplaincy here in Manchester. St Francis Xavier, the great Apostle to the East, was born the youngest of six children in the Basque area of Navarre (northern Spain) in 1506. He met St Ignatius of Loyola while pursuing studies at the University of Paris and Francis became a founder member of the Society of Jesus. Ignatius chose him to bring the Gospel to the peoples of the East and Francis baptised thousands of new Christians in India, Ceylon, the Malacca Islands and Japan. He died off the coast of China in 1552 and was canonised on March 12th 1622. There is a statue in his honour in our church in the transept to the left of the sanctuary. Copies of the novena prayer are available at the doors. If you are not able to be at all the novena Masses, you can pray the novena at home.



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

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.



St Beuno's Jesuit Spirituality Centre is looking for a new team member to help deliver their programme of retreats and training starting in May 2016 or as soon thereafter as possible. For an application pack please contact:

The Director, St Beuno's, St Asaph, Denbighshire, LL17 0AS. 01745 583444. Email:
director@beunos.com

Closing date for applications:
16th March 2016
Interviews: 4th or 5th April 2016

Franciscan Festival: 2-4 March



The Pope's choice of his name has sparked interest in St Francis of Assisi and the Franciscan orders. This week St Peter's Chaplaincy (on Oxford Road, heading into town; M13 9GH) is hosting a *Franciscan Festival* to learn more. The Catholic Chaplaincy will host a seminar at **7.30pm on Thursday 3 March**. There will be a variety of activities, including prayer, talks and seminars by Franciscans and other religious leaders, including Fr William at the seminar on Thursday evening at 7.30pm.

Sessions include:

- The Life of Francis in Stories
- Peace-making in the City
- Francis, politics and urban mission today
- Re-inventing religious life (including thoughts on rules of life which might make an interesting follow-on to Steve Hoyland's workshop last week)
- Francis and creation

For the full programme and more information see:

<http://www.stpeters.org.uk/franciscan-festival-march-2-4-2016/>



This summer a team of students from the chaplaincy will be going to St Ignatius Prep & Primary School in Dodoma, Tanzania to help the

community by volunteering. They need your support and help. Please help by donating to support their cause.

Please visit the following website for more information and to donate. www.justgiving.com/MUSCCMissionAfrica/



Laudato si – Praised be you

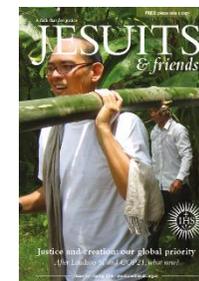
On Tuesday 1 March Henry Longbottom SJ will lead us through *Laudato si*, Pope Francis' latest encyclical, including environmental advocacy for marginalised communities, greening our own faith communities. He will explore with us some of the practical ways we can respond to the encyclical's call for ecological conversion. Henry was an environmental lawyer before joining the Jesuits and writes a blog at greenjesuit.org. His



titles include:

- Prada or Nada? How to dress in the spirit *Laudato Si*
- The UN, the Church & Climate Change
- Duty free? virtue ethics in *Laudato Si*

Next week look out for the new free edition of *Jesuits and Friends* which includes stories on gospel-inspired commitment to care for the environment and explores some practical implications of *Laudato si's* call to take responsibility for the environment seriously from a faith perspective.



The Violence of Peacemaking –

Archbishop Romero and the Search for Peace.

Speaker: Francisco de Roux SJ, Peace Advocate in Colombia.

Attending: Bishop John Arnold.

Manchester: Thursday, **17 March at 7pm**, Loreto College Chapel, M15 5PB



FOODBANK news

Donations

Thank you for your continued donations to our foodbank. We receive an average of 50kg of food per month from the collection point at the Holy Name Church.

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

Great Manchester Run 10k

We are looking for people to run the Great Manchester Run 10k on **Sunday 22nd May 2016** to raise funds for our foodbank. Please email info@ManchesterCentral.foodbank.org.uk for more information or if you wish to take part!

The entry fee is £38, however the foodbank will reimburse £20 of this if you can reach a specified sponsorship target.

'Eat Well Spend Less'

Our 'Eat Well Spend Less' cookery course sponsored by local Housing Association The Guinness Partnership began last week. This is a weekly course that teaches budgeting and practical cookery skills to local housing tenants. The course will be led by Ben Dolman and George Bull, two students from the University of Manchester. There are a small number of **places available** on the course on **Tuesdays 10am-12.30**. If you would like to participate please email info@ManchesterCentral.foodbank.org.uk for more information or to book a place.



Pathways to God

The Jesuits are launching a new spirituality website, entitled *Pathways to God*. The website will feature a daily reflection on "Where I found God today". You can write a description of how you experienced God, today or some time in the past, in 200-400 words. If you have a photo or image/symbol to accompany the description that can help to convey your experience to others even better. Please contact one of the chaplaincy team if you have written something. Thank you.

Our Lady's Church, Raby St, Moss Side M16 7JQ will host a **day of fellowship for men on Saturday 5th March 8.30am-5pm**. The day will include a talk by Gerry Markland, *The Father's Love*. Advance booking on 0161 226 1730 is required: £5 for students (£10) which includes breakfast and a midday meal.