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On Tuesday, 3rd of May, we had our first Mass in Mandarin in our community. It was a truly successful event and our chapel was full of people. The Mass was delayed due to a long que of people going for confession with Fr Joseph Liang, the Chinese chaplain. The Mass was followed by lunch with a traditional Chinese food and social afterwards. Because of the great success, this Mass is now going to happen once every two months.

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'And they were filled with the Holy Spirit.', Acts 2:4
(Last weekend's confirmation Mass. Picture taken by Ladislav Maluch)
Sunday 8th of May 2016 | 0161 273 1456 | general.muscc@gmail.com

Today, we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus to the right hand of the throne of God. This means that he is 'the ruler of everything'.

Together with the resurrection (which we have been particularly celebrating since Easter Sunday), St Paul, in our second reading, sees the ascension of the Lord as the primary examples of the power that God exercises for us.

By the Holy Spirit we grow in our knowledge of God and in our hope in God's call to us and we also grow in the power to become Jesus' witnesses 'to the ends of the earth'. This aspect of witness was mentioned by Bishop John at the confirmation Mass last Sunday—he reminded us that we are

called to be 'ambassadors for Christ'.

We are to share our faith and continue building the Kingdom of God so that people of 'all the nations' can be told that God forgives the sins of those who repent.

It is the power of the Spirit working through us that the presence of Jesus 'who fills the whole creation' will ultimately become manifest to everyone. During the coming week we pray that we will be 'clothed with power from on high' (celebrated at the feast of Pentecost next Sunday) that gives us the authority of ambassadors.

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 9th May

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

6.30pm - SVP meeting

Tuesday 10th May

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

Wednesday 11th May

7.00pm-8.30pm – RCIA group.

Thursday 12th May

7.00pm-8.00pm – Encounter prayer group.

7.30-8.30pm – *Yours faithfully- a principled response to the refugee crisis* – a workshop about Christian ethics in the workplace

Friday 13th May

1pm-2pm - Staff Bible Study.

Sunday 15th 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).

Please, pray for those on the St Beuno's retreat next weekend.

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!



The Mount Street Young Adult Group is going on the second stage of the Ignatian Way pilgrimage this summer, which will take place from *Santa Cruz de Kanpezu* to *Gallur* (Spain). The cost is £650 including flights and the dates are **23rd June to 3rd July**.

There is still one and possibly two spots left for this spiritual journey. Money should never stop a pilgrim from being on the road, so if you have any issues there are possibilities to get funding.

If you have any further questions about this trip, please contact Sister Anouska Robinson-Biggin fcl:

yam@mountstreet.info

This week's Saints

This week connects the Ascension of Christ, celebrated today, with next Sunday's celebration of Pentecost, thus bringing the Easter cycle to its close. In the calendar of Saints, the following are days are notable:

Thursday – St Pancras was only 14 years old when he was martyred at the time of the Emperor Diocletian and so is remembered as a patron of children. On this day, since the 4th century, St Nereus and St Achilleus have also been remembered as Roman martyrs.

Friday – Our Lady of Fatima is venerated especially in Portugal although very popular throughout the world. Mary appeared to shepherd children in 1917 with a call to repentance and special prayers for the conversion of Russia. There is a shrine in Holy Name Church

Saturday – St Matthias was the apostle chosen to replace Judas Iscariot, as recorded in the Book of Acts (1:24-25). The Eleven chose two suitable candidates and prayed to the Lord to show them His choice. This was done, in sound biblical fashion, by the casting of lots. Matthias is associated with the evangelisation of Cappadocia and Ethiopia.



"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

On Thursday 12th and Friday 13th May you may notice some redecorating work at the chaplaincy. The BBC is preparing to film some scenes of a new drama series called *In the Dark* in our building.



The Community of *Imaculado Coração de Maria* (Immaculate Heart of Mary) of the Divine Word parish, in particular the altar servers group of St. Aloysius Gonzaga is profoundly thankful for this act of generosity from the Church of Holy Name for giving us such a beautiful and unique thurible. It has certainly helped us to create the solemn atmosphere that was lacking in some of our Masses. This gift not only helped the community but also the parish as a whole, as the thurible has been borrowed for masses in other communities for important occasions (like the one presided at by the bishop-pictured). All we can do is to thank God for giving such an open heart and we, the community, hope that this may be the start of a friendship with the Chaplaincy. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

- *The Community of Immaculate Heart of Mary*

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

- **Long-life fruit juice**
- **Tinned fruit**

Thank you to all those who generously donated coffee and tinned meat to our foodbank last week following our request, it is greatly appreciated!

Donations

- We received 30kg of food from the Greater Manchester Police's CTU Team and 62kg from the The Eighth Day Cafe!
- Charlotte Crowley raised an amazing £640.28 by running the Manchester Marathon last month! Well done Charlotte!

Foodbank Fundraiser Bake Sale

The foodbank's 10K Run Team is having a fundraising bake sale this Monday from 9.30am outside the Chaplaincy. Everyone is welcome to assist by bringing along some baked items on the day! If you are on Oxford Road that day do stop by for a coffee and a cookie!

Great Manchester 10k Run on Sunday 22nd May

Entries are now closed for the Great Manchester Run 10k. We have already raised an amazing £538.60 so far, well on our way to reach our target of £2,000! Best of luck to the latest team member Brother Geoff te Braake! Best of luck with your training Geoff!

If you wish to sponsor our team please visit

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



Prayer Group for Persecuted Christians

Last week: We dedicated our prayers to Fr. Paolo Dall' Oglio SJ, an Italian Jesuit priest, who has been missing in Syria for nearly three years now.

Fr. Dall' Oglio has served as a Jesuit missionary in Syria for four decades. He is well known for building a monastery, *Deir Mar Musa*, in Syria, which had been a beacon of hope and a place of gathering for interfaith dialogue. Fr. Dall' Oglio had passionately promoted peaceful interfaith communication and inter-communal activities in the region. He was last seen in Raqqa on 29th July 2013 after he reportedly walked into IS headquarters to negotiate the release of some

hostages. There are rumours about his death but no one knows what has happened to him.

This week: Prayer for Fr. Tom Uzhunnali, a Selasian priest, who is missing for two months after being kidnapped in Yemen.

Please join us in an urgent call for prayer for Fr. Tom's release on **Wednesday, 11th May 2016 at 6.45pm** in Church.





SVP News

MONDAY 16th May

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 16th 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!



ATTENTION: Our last SVP 1833 meeting for this school year will be on **Monday 16th May**. We hope to see everyone there!



SVP News



THANK YOU so much to everyone that volunteered this school year! Whether it was bringing food and a hot drink to someone on the streets or spending time with a person in need, YOU each made a difference in someone's life...and that's a priceless gift.
~ Ryan & Julie

We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God.

~ St. Vincent de Paul



Last Friday (6th of May), Manchester United Football Club gave support to *Mission Africa* for this summer by donating 20 *ManUnited* t-shirts for children of St. Ignatius primary school. We are going to throw a sports day and give t-shirts away to local students. We would like to say a big thank you to the management of the club.