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AFTER MASS, ALTAR
SERVERS, READERS,
WELCOMERS, SINGERS,
FOODBANK VOLUNTEERS



Interested in joining the
Church or getting
Confirmed? Join the
RCIA course!
Ask a member of
chaplaincy team

MASS TIMES

Monday – Friday
1:05pm (Holy Name)
6pm (chapel)

Saturday
11am (Holy Name)

Sundays
9:15am (Chapel)
12pm & 7pm (Holy Name)

CONFESSIONS – Daily in
Church 12pm-1pm. For
Students confessions are also
available on request at the
chaplaincy next door.



Chaplaincy News

Sunday 1st December 2013

This week we begin the liturgical season of Advent. It starts four weeks before Christmas – the church is without flowers, (which is in contrast to many shops and offices where Christmas decorations go up earlier and earlier) and we begin lighting the candles on the advent wreath. Advent is a time of hopeful waiting for the coming of God in human form (the incarnation). We are asked to prepare for the birth of Christ – in a fresh way every year. It might be appropriate to come to mass a bit more often, maybe attend daily mass, spend a bit more time in prayer as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas and the renewal of our faith. Watching and waiting is a skill to develop in a world that seems to be moving faster – but it is a skill worth practicing. As we watch and as we wait we can 'grow' our hearts so that we can receive more graces than ever this Christmas. For many people Christmas is a stressful time, whereas for us it should be joyful – and the preparation for that Joy begins this week in advent.

LITURGY MATTERS Most of us are familiar with the practice of receiving Holy Communion under both kinds. This is now the norm in parish churches and in many of our cathedrals. It was the practice of the early Church but two factors led gradually to a change: the increasing cultic status of the ordained clergy and the increasing numbers of communicants gathered in the large basilicas and cathedral churches. In recent times the Church has restored the older usage and this is made possible by the training and commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion taken from among the laity. We are very grateful to those who have offered themselves for this ministry and on this First Sunday of Advent, we will be the beneficiaries of their generous assistance. For the present this will be at the evening Masses only.

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The Week's Activities

This week at the chaplaincy...

Mon 2nd SVP Meeting 7pm - Followed by Soup Run for Homeless

Tue 3rd 5:15-6pm Lectio Divina

Weds 4th – Foodbank open 10am – 12noon

4pm **Meeting with BBC Presenter**
(details next page)

6.30pm **CAFOD meeting**

7pm **RCIA Meeting**

Thurs 5th – 5pm – 6pm **Craft Group** - All levels welcome. We can teach knitting and crochet!

7pm **CLC** (Ignatian Prayer Group)



SVP volunteers preparing for the soup runs

Also on Thursday...

7.30pm **Faith & Science Meeting**
(see webpage)

Fri 6th – 10am - 12 Foodbank Open
6pm **Nightfever**

Sat 7th - 2pm-4pm Music Practice in Church for Carols by Candlelight

Sun 8th - 8pm Chaplaincy Christmas Dinner



Volunteers preparing food for the Thursday soup run



Fancy learning to knit or crochet? Come along to the Craft Group!

General News

Cafod – Do you want to know more about or get involved with CAFOD, (Overseas Development), the chaplaincy is setting up a group to start campaigning on issues of Global Social Justice, Climate Change, Sustainability, Poverty and Hunger. Come along 6.30 on Weds in the chaplaincy.

The BBC is looking to invite Catholic students to take part in a set of episodes for a series of GCSE RE lessons. It will cover 5 themes: revelation, evil & suffering, life & death, marriage and divorce & sexuality. There will be informal selection meeting with the producer at 4pm on Weds at the chaplaincy

Next Sunday (8th December) will be the Chaplaincy Christmas Meal after the 7pm mass.

Carols by Candlelight – Weds 11th 7pm, come into the chaplaincy to collect posters during the week - we need them up in every department and every hall of residence! Catholic footballers from both Manchester clubs have been invited to do some readings....

The Homeless Run is now every night of the week, and also running the breakfast club at Holy Name Primary School – if you would like to be involved then come to SVP on Monday

Important ! Next Sunday is the last 9.15am & 7pm mass – 12pm mass only from Dec 15th 9.15am & 7pm to restart Sunday January 19th

Christmas Day – any students who are in Manchester over Christmas and have no plans to celebrate Christmas Day we will be organising a few events – including a Christmas Lunch on the 25th please see Fr Tim if you would like to be included

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

Tuesday - St Francis Xavier was an early Jesuit missionary (d 1552) who brought the Gospel to India and Japan and regions in between. His experiences helped change European attitudes to "heathens".

Wednesday - St John of Damascus (d 749) is one of the great theologian-scholars of the eastern Church and although a "defender of images", he was respected in the Muslim circles in which he moved.

Friday - St Nicholas is the 3rd century bishop later known as "Santa Claus"; his charity and gift-giving are associated especially with the legend of the miraculous dowries. He is honoured in Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant tradition.

Saturday - St Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, was a 4th century Doctor of the Church whose preaching inspired the young St Augustine and whose liturgical practices in the cathedral gave us "ambrosian" chant.