

This Week's Events

Tues 12th May

10am-12pm Foodbank – We are the only student-run Foodbank in the Country; serving the local community in crisis (also Weds & Fri 10am-12pm).

6.30pm Taizé (Manchester Cathedral)

- Coming together in simplicity before God to pray, rest and reflect, through silence, Bible readings and meditative songs, for half an hour.

Wed 13th May

RCIA Group – Please continue to pray for our candidates as they prepare to be received into the church at Pentecost.

Sat 16th May

7pm Music Group – If you would like to join the music group for our Mass and rehearse with us at 3pm every Saturday in the Chaplaincy email: balsys.rokas@gmail.com

The SVP Group not meeting on Monday evenings in the Chaplaincy **however all activities will continue as usual.** If you would like to get involved with them please email: svp.muscc@gmail.com with your name and the activity you would like to help with.



Last week the SVP fed **62** homeless people over **3** soup runs.

COMING UP

Baptism and Confirmation Mass

17 students will be received into the church by Bishop John Arnold at the 7.00pm Mass on *Sunday 24th May.*

We will be celebrating their baptisms and confirmations by having a catered meal with the Bishop in the Chaplaincy after the Mass. We warmly invite you to join the candidates and their family & friends for the meal on this special day.

Week of Guided Prayer for Postgrads & Staff

A team of 5 visiting Jesuits will be here the week beginning 27th July. Please see Fr Ian ASAP or email general.muscc@gmail.com if you would like to sign up for Spiritual accompaniment that week.



Over the last month on average we have provided emergency food relief for **61** people per week.

To help us continue our work please email: mancfoodbank@yahoo.com

This Week's Saints

Thursday - St Matthias was chosen by the other apostles sometime between the Ascension and Pentecost to replace Judas Iscariot, thus keeping the number of twelve. According to tradition, he evangelized Cappadocia and the towns along the coast of the Caspian Sea.

Saturday - St Andrew Bobola was a Polish Jesuit missionary and martyr. He devoted his labours to the countryside of Lithuania where, during a fierce religious conflict, he was captured by Cossacks, brutally tortured and put to death in 1657.



The Foodbank are running out of **Tinned Fish** and **UHT Milk**. We would greatly appreciate your help to restock our warehouse with these & any other items. **Please donate if you can!**

Check out this inspirational JustGiving page; people are running the Manchester 10K and living on £1 a day to raise money for the Foodbank! <https://www.iustaivina.com/m-c-f/>

Looking for something to do this summer?

27th-31st of August 2015

Why not join over 1000 other young people in Walsingham for the Youth 2000 Summer Festival!*

This is a 5 day Prayer Festival, packed with DYNAMIC TALKS from international speakers, LIVE-BAND WORSHIP, powerful prayer times, FUN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, creative workshops, IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS, evening entertainment and LOADS MORE.

**Donation Only Policy*

Coaches from a city near you! FOR MORE INFO CONTACT US:

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Meet some of our RCIA candidates who will be received into the Church by the Bishop at 7pm on Sunday 24th May 2015



Making my Confirmation to me is saying out loud how proud I feel to be Catholic. It doesn't make me better than anyone or in any way perfect. Confirming my faith is recognising my humanity and my willingness to become a better person; it also makes me a recognised member of my 'Christian Family', a family who acknowledge faith in God and in humanity.

Maria Jose



My journey to becoming a Catholic really began in the first week of starting university. I was curious about the faith and its practices so I came into the Catholic Chaplaincy one day, hoping to find out what it's all about. That day I had a long chat with one of the chaplains. The Jesuits inspire me, and the people I have met here have become like family to me.

Ed



I'm 18 and I'm studying Italian but will be transferring to St. Mary's Catholic University to study Theology

In September as a result of my Faith journey. I am being confirmed because in the modern secular world we live in it is incredibly important to care about absolute truth over cultural truth. Christ is not at the centre of our culture today and by becoming a part of the Church I hope in some small sense I can change that. Seeing as a year ago I was an atheist I'd like also to show people the transformation that can occur through God.

Josh



I am from a Catholic country and I came to Manchester to work as a dentist. I am getting confirmed because of one Rosary. Fr Tim gave me the Rosary and taught me how to pray and why our prayers are so important. He introduced me to RCIA – a great journey to the spiritual world. The Rosary has changed my life, I accept Jesus now as I have never done before.

Danielle



I'm in my third year studying Accounting, I decided to get confirmed at this moment in time as I felt a need within me to be closer to God which brings peace and calm into my life. As we live in such a busy, fast-paced world, I love the calm feeling that coming to church gives me and the genuine kindness and love from everyone in church.

Siuon



Cecilia Medupin won a Volunteer of the Year Award at the university!

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Vox populi, vox Dei

“The voice of the people is the voice of God.” This is an old adage but is it true? Well obviously not literally, but as we reflect on our own recent election and on the constitution under which we live, it might be good to renew our faith in democracy. It is a hard-won and priceless legacy. We may be sceptical of the political class, or doubtful of the merits of the party system, but a refusal to take part in our elective democracy is tantamount to surrendering a human right that many would die for. The duty of a Christian is clear: to participate in the elections of our representatives. And if we feel that nothing changes, or that things are getting worse, then our duty is again clear: to encourage Christian participation in political life. As a great man once said: “If you think that religion and politics don't mix, then what Bible are you reading?”

Post Exam Holiday!

We are organising an end-of-year trip to Harlech by the Sea, N. Wales. **From Sun 7th – Sun 14th June** we will be renting a house on the coast; the accommodation sleeps a total of 20 people and there are 12 places still available. The cost is £20 per night including food, and travel from Manchester to Harlech by train is from £28 return (without a railcard). If you would like to join us for the week, or any part of it, please email Greg ASAP so that we can confirm numbers for the booking: gregocon@gmail.com



You can register with the Chaplaincy for regular updates on areas you are interested in – www.muscc.org/register

