

## This Week's Events

### *Tues 19<sup>th</sup> 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).

### *Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May*

**RCIA Group** – Please continue to pray for our candidates as they prepare to be received into the church this coming weekend (Pentecost).

### *Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May*

**CLC Group** – Ignatian Prayer, please see Fr William for more information.

### *Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:balsys.rokas@gmail.com)

### *Sun 24<sup>th</sup> May*

**7pm Baptism & Confirmation Mass** – 17 students will be celebrating the sacraments of initiation with Bishop John Arnold. They will be presented to the congregation at the 7pm Mass today. We ask you to pray for them and for their sponsors and families.

*Well done to everyone who took part in the Manchester 10K run last weekend – a BIG congratulations to those who ran on behalf of the Foodbank and helped to raise £4600. Well done!*



The SVP Group won't be meeting on Monday evenings in the Chaplaincy anymore, **however all activities will continue as usual.** If you would like to get involved with them please email: [svp.muscc@gmail.com](mailto:svp.muscc@gmail.com) with your name and chosen activity.



This week the Foodbank has fed a total of **55** people

We provided emergency relief for 37 adults and 18 children in crisis.

To help us continue our work please email: [manfoodbank@yahoo.com](mailto:manfoodbank@yahoo.com)

### COMING UP

#### **Catholic Writers Guild**

Our annual May Pilgrimage to **Ladyewell Shrine Fernyhalgh** near Preston will be on **Friday May 29th at 7pm** in Ladyewell. For those who wish there will be dinner afterwards at Franco's restaurant nearby for a modest price. Please email Bill if you are interested: [bill@oideluk.com](mailto:bill@oideluk.com)

## This Week's Saints

**Wednesday** – Devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus has its origins in the preaching of St Bernadine of Siena (died 1444), whose symbol IHS (the first letters of "Jesus" in Greek) became popular throughout Europe. It was adopted as the emblem of the Society of Jesus. Holy Name Church continues to bear witness to this devotion.

**Thursday** – St Christopher Magallanes and Companions were among thousands of Mexican Catholics who died as martyrs during the revolutionary years between 1915 and 1937. Most were peasants. All refused to take up arms against the regimes that persecuted them. Many died proclaiming "Long live Christ the King and the Virgin of Guadalupe!"

**Friday** – St Rita of Cascia was the victim of an arranged marriage and patiently suffered years of violent abuse from her husband. After his death she devoted her life to prayer, penance and charitable work in reparation for the sufferings of Christ. She died in 1457.

### Post Exam Holiday!



We still have a number of places available for our end-of-year trip to Harlech by the Sea, North Wales. If you would like to join us in a beautiful house on the coast from **Sun 7<sup>th</sup>–Sun 14<sup>th</sup> June** please email Greg ASAP so that we can confirm numbers and finalise the booking: [gregocon@gmail.com](mailto:gregocon@gmail.com). The

cost is £20 per night including food, and travel from Manchester to Harlech by train is from £28 return (without a railcard).

The month of May is dedicated to looking at religious discrimination. The Students' Union and the University are running the '**We Get It - zero tolerance to harassment and discrimination**' campaign and are looking for students of faith who want to participate in making a short video, either saying something from script to help raise awareness and stand up to religious discrimination or by giving examples / own experiences of religious discrimination.

If you're interested in being involved please contact Tessa: [tessa.maritim@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:tessa.maritim@manchester.ac.uk) to discuss it further and arrange a time to come in and be filmed.



**Meet more of our RCIA candidates who will be received into the Church by the Bishop at 7pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

I refused confirmation a number of times, but no matter how much I try to hide, the Holy Spirit finds me and brings me back. Now with the great support of the Chaplaincy team, it is just sweet and easy to give in. It is not for me to get ready, or prepare, it never was; God chooses who He will, when He wills.



**KC**



I'm an international student currently in my final year of my MPHARM degree. Coming to a completely different environment was daunting, and with constant changes Christ's love for me was the only thing that kept me going. I have felt and seen his work through me and it was only natural to get confirmed, to be closer to Christ. This journey with Christ has never felt more right; I cannot explain this spiritual peace and love that I have gained over the past few months.

**Solana**



I am a 1st-year music student and I missed out on Confirmation when I was in my teens. Church activities at the Chaplaincy attracted me!

**Helena**

My decision to become a Catholic was as much of a surprise to my parents as it was to myself. My background is in another Faith and when I began reading with idle curiosity some books of Catholic Theology, I had little idea at the time of where the Lord was leading me. Even today I am continuing to learn more about this Way of truth that leads to eternal life.

**A Catechumen**



I'm in my first year of Law and Criminology at UoM. I'm originally from Toronto, Canada, but came to Manchester to earn a second degree because this is where my father is from. I came to the Sunday Mass at the Holy Name and when the RCIA course was mentioned by one of the fathers I knew that I was meant to attend. Since then I have learned more about the traditions and wonder of the Catholic Faith that I didn't learn in my early years at Catholic School. Being able to be confirmed in the faith at a mature age is a blessing and I am so grateful for the friendships I've made and the wisdom that has been shared.

**Keelin**

*Hear the final lot of stories from our remaining candidates in next week's newsletter*



*Michael celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday with the Jesuit Community last Thursday*

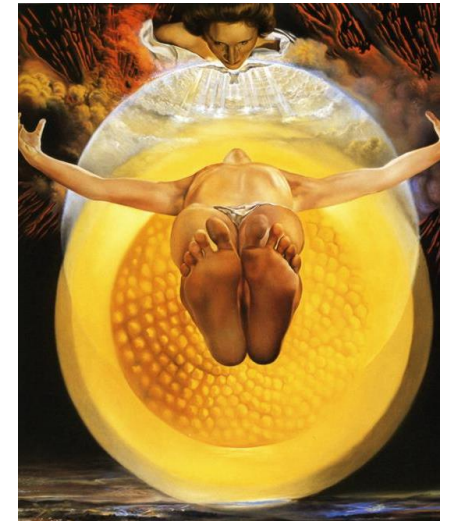
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**The Feast of the Ascension**

As we are coming to the close of the Easter Season – we remember today how the disciples witnessed the risen Christ 'going' to the father – i.e ascending bodily into Heaven, after promising to send the Holy Spirit so that the Church would not be left alone. Next Sunday we will celebrate Pentecost, the coming down of the Spirit, in a special way as 18 students are received into the Church at the 7pm mass by Bishop John Arnold. It will be a special occasion for us, and a perfect chance to invite any friends along who are interested in Catholicism, it will encourage them hopefully to pursue their interest.



**Salvador Dali: Ascension of Christ** as portrayed in 1958, reminds us that we are witnessing the uniting of heaven and earth, in a physical & historical way. Dali portrays his wife Gala peering out – so we are reminded that as Jesus longed to be with the father we long to be reunited with those we love.

Meanwhile, as we remember how the disciples waited and prayed for the sending down of the Spirit – let us pray for our students next week. And rejoice in their integrity and courage.

**You can register with the Chaplaincy for regular updates on areas you are interested in – [www.muscc.org/register](http://www.muscc.org/register)**

