

This Week's Events

This week at the Chaplaincy...

We have now resumed our usual Mass times for the new term;

Weekly Mass:

1.05pm (Church) & 6.00pm (Chapel)

Saturday:

11.00am

Sunday:

9.15am, 12.00pm & 7.00pm (Church)

Mon 19th Jan

12-1pm Student Lunches – We will once again be offering FREE toasties every day during the week from 12-1pm. Choose from a selection of fillings, along with FREE tea and coffee.

7pm SVP – Voluntary work with the homeless, in local primary schools, visiting the elderly or working with people with learning disabilities.

Tues 20th Jan

10am-12pm Foodbank – The only student-run Foodbank in the Country serving the local community in crisis (also Weds & Friday 10am-12pm).

Weds 21st Jan

7pm RCIA – Our enquiry group resumes to continue exploring the Catholic Faith. We are meeting over in the Strada Room at the back of the church.

Sun 25th Jan

12pm Mass followed by – Our new Bishop, John Arnold, will be celebrating the Mass to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Chaplaincy. Join us for this special occasion!

Revision Relief



January can be a hard month to get through as students, full of revision and exams - it can be a very stressful time.

Our **Library** is open to you throughout the week for those of you who want a quiet environment in which to study.

We have the heating on and plenty of hot drinks available!

We are also serving a student **Dinner for £1** every night here in the Chaplaincy from 6.30-7.30pm, to give you some much-needed time out from studying. We welcome you to come along for it.



THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

Tuesday – St Sebastian, one of the most popular saints in art he was killed by his fellow soldiers for converting to the Christian faith in the late 3rd century
Pope Fabian, was a peasant who on a visit to Rome found himself elected as pope and reigned for 14 years until being martyred by the emperor Decius

Wednesday – St Agnes, a very popular saint of the early church who died at the age of 13 defending her faith and her virginity. She was martyred under the Emperor Diocletian. She is remembered in art and poetry.

Thursday – St Vincent, (not to be confused with Bill Murray in the film of the same name) was a deacon in the Spanish Church who was martyred under the Emperor Diocletian. He converted his jailer before being executed.

Saturday – Saint Francis de Sales, late 16th century Bishop of Geneva who successfully kept the light of Catholicism burning brightly during the time of the Reformation. His *Introduction to a Devout Life* is still a bestseller.

Message from Muslim Community

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing us to speak from your pulpit, on behalf of not only British Muslims but Muslims of the world. Our religion exhorts us to be helpful & peaceful towards our neighbours, travellers, orphans, needy, oppressed there is no distinction whether these people are Muslims or not. Our religion like other Abrahamic PBUH religions before us respects human life, The Quran States "*killing of one innocent person is like killing entire humanity and there is no salvation for such a person, who will dwell in hellfire forever. Saving a single person is like saving entire humanity & that person will be rewarded with heaven*" A religion which is to sanctify human life can't condone these acts of violence which are being committed in our name. We condemn violence being carried out in our name & in the name of our faith by certain individuals & groups, it's despicable & deplorable. In the end I would like to thank you once again for this opportunity to speak to your flock & share our thoughts with everyone. We would like to continue this dialogue with yourself & your local Church in future to allay any fears & spread the message of God with humility. Kind regards & best wishes for this new year. Dr UI Haque





FCJ Vocations Weekend

FCJ House, Wavertree, Liverpool

23rd - 25th January 2015

For young women considering the vocation to religious life.

There will be **input from FCJ sisters** on different aspects of vowed life, **prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women** who are considering the vocation to religious life.

For more information or to book a place, contact:

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Faithful Companions of Jesus
fcjsisters.org



St. Beuno's Jesuit Spirituality Centre, Wales, where some of our students spent a 6-day Silent Retreat in late December

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Keeping Perspective

As memories of Christmas and family fade away the next couple of weeks are filled with last minute cramming and anxiety. Remember how important it is to keep perspective – the Church is open as always from 7am – 7pm providing a quiet and sacred space to help you with that. Masses are continuing twice on a weekday and three times on a Sunday. During these weeks of exams the activities available in the chaplaincy are kept to a minimum – but the library is open with comfortable new chairs and there will be free soup available at lunchtimes. One less thing to worry about! Meanwhile here is a prayer for examinations :

Prayer for Revision Time

Lord, as I prepare for this examination, let your strength and your wisdom be present to me.
May I revise my work thoroughly.
May I understand what it is I have to know.
May my memory be reliable and orderly.
May I be calm and focused on the task ahead.
May I know and feel the love and support of my family and friends.
And may you, the author and creator of all things, enlighten me.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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