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Monday - Friday

Saturday 11am (Holy Name)

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# Chaplaincy News Sunday 19th January 2014

Welcome back to everyone from far and wide to Manchester. It was great speaking to returning students this week from different continents - reminding us what a wonderful international community we have here in Manchester. We are looking forward to hearing all about adventures over Christmas and the New Year. This year we have a wonderful crib in the middle chapel on the right hand side of the church, designed and built with great expertise by Br Ken. We have decided to follow the ancient tradition of keeping our crib up till Candlemas (the beginning of February) so that as many returning students have a chance to spend a bit of time in silence before it especially in the midst of this exam time. This new year is a special anniversary year for Jesuits all around the world, with the bicentennial celebrations of the universal restoration of the Society of Jesus in 1814, after its suppression. We have been working on a blog over Christmas to commemorate this called sj2014.net.

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 guiet 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 (one of two in this week's newsletter)

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.

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# The Week's Activities

This week at the chaplaincy...

**Mon 20**<sup>th</sup> SVP meeting 7pm followed by soup run

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Lectio Divina 5-6pm

Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Foodbank Open 10-12

RCIA meeting 7pm

**Thurs 23<sup>rd –</sup>** Craft Group - All levels welcome. 5pm – 6pm

CLC meeting 7pm

Fri 24th Foodbank Open 10-12





## **Prayer for a Late Night of Studying**

Lord,

Please help me to clear my mind of any distractions.

Help me absorb everything I study and help me

know that You are with me and that I am not alone

even if it seems as if the whole world is asleep.

Give me Your strength in the morning.

Renew me, and refresh my mind so that  $% \left\{ \left( 1\right) \right\} =\left\{ \left( 1\right) \right\} =\left\{$ 

I remember everything I studied.

Thank you for the gift of knowledge and the opportunity to learn. Amen

#### **General News**

Taize Prayer Group – we have received requests to start an ecumenical Taize style Prayer Group, if you are interested please contact Fr Tim

Iona Pilgrimage - Trip to Iona -There will be a trip to spend a week with the Iona Community (an ecumenical Christian community) on the beautiful Isle of Iona in Scotland from April 5th – 11th (the first week of the Easter holidays). Iona is an island of great importance and features an Abbey that was originally founded by St Columba in 563 AD. It is now renowned for its natural beauty and tranquillity. If you are interested, please contact Jenny on rj.hodge@btinternet.com for more details. This is a great opportunity!

Night Fever – Feb 7<sup>th</sup> - We are hoping to build on the success of the First two night fevers in November and December, it would be great to have more students helping even if only for an hour. Begins 7pm

Cancer Service – Plans are being made for a special service for anyone affected by cancer in May. If you would like to be involved see Fr William

### THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

Monday- St Sebastian, traditionally a 3rd-century martyr convert from the Roman army who was shot with arrows and became a popular subject with artists.

Friday - St Francis de Sales (16th c) trained as a lawyer before becoming a priest and Bishop, best known for his spiritual writings.

Saturday - The Conversion of St Paul, a turning point in human history, this date marks the end of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

