

# This Week's Events

This week at the Chaplaincy...

## Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Oct

**7pm SVP Meeting** – Opportunities for volunteering with the homeless, in a local primary school, visiting the elderly or working with people with learning disabilities.

## Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Oct

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

## 7.30-10pm First Meeting for

**Catholic Medical Association** – Fr Peter Sharrocks is giving a talk on Hospital Chaplaincy. Mass will be at 7.30pm followed by the talk and a buffet.

## Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct

**7-8pm Foodbank AGM** – We are meeting to elect a new leadership team & organise our workload for the next year.

## 7.30pm Talk by Baroness Caroline

**Cox** – Maranatha Lecture on “The Persecuted Church: Challenge and Celebration” at **St. Peter's House** on Oxford Rd, M13 9GH. The event is FREE for students. For tickets contact Kevin McKenna on (0161) 282 5523.

## Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Oct

**7pm CLC Meeting** – Come along if you want to join the group or find out more about it.

## Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Oct

**4pm-Sun PM SVP Residential Retreat** - Formby, Merseyside  
*See Fr Tim if you are interested*

**7.15pm '12pm Choir'** – Come along to our weekly practice if you would like to sing in the High Mass on Sundays.

## Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Oct

**7pm Mass followed by Dinner** – Come along for good food/company!

## COMING UP

### Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Oct

1pm Inter-generational Meal – A three-course meal cooked by students for anyone over 65 in the local community.  
Please RSVP by Sun 26th Oct to [caroline-goh@hotmail.com](mailto:caroline-goh@hotmail.com).

### Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Nov

**10am-6pm Embrace** – FREE Youth Conference offering a variety of activities, Keynote Speakers, Mass & Workshops (see back page)

### Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Nov

**7pm Archbishop Kaigama of Jos, Nigeria** – Talk on “NIGERIA: the Struggle for Faith and Freedom” will be given by the Archbishop in The Holy Name.



Last week the SVP fed **43 people** on their soup runs into the city-centre. If you are interested in volunteering with them then please contact: [svp.muscc@outlook.com](mailto:svp.muscc@outlook.com)



This week the Foodbank has fed a total of **51 people**. We provided emergency relief for 31 adults and 20 children in crisis.

**FYI** – We have an AGM this *Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October* at 7pm in the Chaplaincy. If you are interested in volunteering with the Foodbank it's an excellent opportunity to get involved. The meeting is open to everyone so feel free to come along.

## Faith and the Arts

If you are interested in possible cultural excursions (music, theatre, art), please contact Fr William: [pearsall@jesuits.net](mailto:pearsall@jesuits.net). The first advertised event is a “twilight” tour of Manchester Art Gallery on Thursday November 20<sup>th</sup> but we can organise a group experience before then.

## THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

**Wednesday** -- Pope John Paul II died in 2005 and was declared a saint last April. You can find lots of YouTube videos on his extraordinary life and leadership. His support of the Solidarity movement (in his native Poland) contributed significantly to the collapse of the Communist system in Europe. He was a poet, a philosopher and a sportsman – and, of course, a great pope!

**Thursday** – Saint John of Capistrano was born in Italy in 1386 and obtained Church permission for a separation from his wife so that they could both take vows in religious orders. John joined the Franciscans and is remembered for his austerity and zeal. His feast day is associated with swallows (something to look up!).

**Saturday** – Perhaps we don't often think about Wales, but that wonderful part of the British Isles has made many contributions to our life and culture. It has also supplied a number of martyrs over the years of anti-Catholic persecution (from Elizabeth I to James II). We remember them at Mass today.





## AMDG Chaplaincy News - Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014

### A Unique Community

We remember that the word 'Catholic' means universal. There are about 1.3 billion Catholics in the world, which accounts for just over half of the Christian population in the world. It is so important that we remember that we belong to this international body. Today bishops and cardinals from all over the world have been concluding their two week extraordinary synod on the family in Rome – with the beatification of Pope Paul VI. They will meet next year a second part of this double synod process. Many of the participants have commented on what freedom they have experienced in speaking and listening to others from all over the world.

Similarly it is good for us to remember that our student chaplaincy here in Manchester is part of a bigger family. We are associated with NUCCS – the Northern universities Catholic Chaplaincies. On Monday we are hosting the Chaplains from the North West here in Manchester – come and say hello! More importantly in two weeks time – they have organised

a festival for young Catholics in Liverpool. A group from the chaplaincy will be attending – with famous speakers such as former Olympian Sr Catherine Holum and former gangster John Pridmore – it promises to be an inspiring day. If there is enough interest we will hire a coach – please see Fr Tim or Fr William if you are interested in coming (see the back of the newsletter for more info – and Facebook 'Embrace Liverpool').

**Becoming a Catholic** - If you would like to learn about the Catholic Faith, we will soon be starting our annual RCIA programme (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). We begin with an enquiry stage, to share questions and find out what being a Catholic is all about, then we move on to a more systematic programme of instruction.

If you are interested, please contact Fr William: [pearsall@jesuits.net](mailto:pearsall@jesuits.net)

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

