

# This Week's Events

This week at the Chaplaincy...

## Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb

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

## Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb

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

## 6.30pm Taize Prayer in the Chapel

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

## Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Feb

**7pm RCIA Course** – If you are already a Catholic and would like to be confirmed, we welcome you to join our group at this week's meeting as we progress with the course. Please email Fr William for more info: [pearsall@jesuits.net](mailto:pearsall@jesuits.net)

## Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Feb

**7.30pm Organ Recital** – Join for an evening of wonderful music in the Holy Name Church, performed by organist John Scott. All are welcome!

## Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Feb

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

## Retreat for Uni Staff

### Time to reflect

*St Catherine of Siena*



a Lenten weekend  
for lecturers

Boarbank Hall, Cumbria



27th February -1st March  
2015

For costs & bookings please email  
[margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk](mailto:margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk)

To secure a place, you will need to send a deposit of £40 (cheques payable to 'Boarbank Hall'). The full cost for the weekend will be £116. The balance will be payable on arrival.

## SILENT SATURDAY

Silent Saturday is a one day, silent retreat for university students and staff which offers individuals a chance to spend a day in prayerful reflection, receive guidance on prayer, and take time out from busy everyday life. We will be holding the first one on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb**. Keep an eye out for more info in next week's newsletter.

## THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

**Monday** – The Feast of the Presentation commemorates the presentation of Mary as a little girl in the Temple. Today is called "Candlemas" because on this day we bless the candles that will be used throughout the coming year. There will be a blessing of candles at every mass today.

**Tuesday** – St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, is invoked for the blessing of throats. There will be a blessing of throats after each mass.

**Wednesday** – Jesuit Martyrs of the Missions: we remember Jesuit missionaries of the 18th and 19th centuries who gave their lives for Christ in many lands.

**Thursday** – St Agatha is one of many Virgin Martyrs of the early Church and their heroism is perpetuated in the canon of the Mass.

**Friday** – Paul Miki and the martyrs of Japan: 26 Christians, including Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries alongside Japanese catechists, were crucified in Nagasaki in 1597 under a cruel suppression.

## Taize Pilgrimage – Easter 2015

Do you want a life-changing experience this Easter? Come to our info evening on Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7pm ..... or Email [Judith.Krauss@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Judith.Krauss@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk)



Our SVP group fed **63** people across three soup runs in to the city-centre last week. If you want to help keep this number growing please contact: [svp.muscc@outlook.com](mailto:svp.muscc@outlook.com)



Last week the Foodbank fed a total of **46 people**. We provided emergency relief for 34 adults and 12 children in crisis.

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

**We are running particularly low in the following food items and would greatly welcome them in any upcoming donations:**

- rice
- tinned meat
- tinned fish



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## JOHN SCOTT NEW YORK

### Performs an Organ Recital at the Holy Name Church, Manchester 7.30pm

An opportunity to hear one of the worlds finest players. In 1998 John Scott was winner of the prestigious,  
**International Performer of the Year.**



**Celebrating Mass at this weekend's committee retreat**  
**Manchester Universities Catholic Chaplaincy**  
**Chaplaincy News – Sun 1<sup>st</sup> February 2015**  
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#### Recognising Authority

In a world overloaded with information, with so many voices telling us what to do and how to live, it may be harder to recognise true authority. In today's Gospel it is the teaching of Jesus that makes such an impression on the people – and his teaching is accompanied with healing. The people recognise his integrity and his reputation grows.

In this world of hyper-communication integrity maybe a rare commodity. Someone who practices what they believe, often in a quiet way - has a huge impact on us when we discover what they are doing.

It is the quiet, non-showy, putting your faith into practice that can have a huge impact on the people we live, work and study with. One superb way for students to do this is with our SVP group

Especially this time of year, their distribution of hot drinks, food and blankets to the homeless could be a lifesaver. On Weds we were able to distribute hot food that was made by the Islamic Society.

They meet every Monday at 7pm and working with the homeless is just one opportunity among many different ones to serve. Come along and find out how you can put your faith into practice.

#### Change of Venue

This month's Nightfever will **not** be held in the Holy Name Church because of the Organ Recital.

Instead it will take place at  
**Salford Cathedral** this  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm**

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