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Newsletter for Manchester Universities' Catholic Chaplaincy

Chaplaincy News Sunday 20th October 2013

Want to get involved?

There are plenty of ways you can get involved at the Catholic Chaplaincy! You can help out at Sunday Mass or you can even join a Student Committee and help run events at the chaplaincy as well as loads of other things.

Can You help?

**VOLUNTEERS TO COOK
AFTER MASS, ALTAR
SERVERS, READERS,
WELCOMERS, SINGERS,
FOODBANK VOLUNTEERS**

MASS TIMES

Monday – Friday
1:05pm (Holy Name)
6pm (chapel)

Saturday
11am (Holy Name)

Sundays
9:15am (Chapel)
12pm & 7pm (Holy Name)

CONFESSIONS – Daily in Church 12pm-1pm. For Students confessions are also available on request at the chaplaincy next door.

Persistence & Resilience

Last Thursday we celebrated the Feast of St Luke, apostle and evangelist. Each of the Gospels gives us a slightly different portrait of Jesus and what following him (discipleship) entails. One of the themes that Luke is keen on in his Gospel is that of perseverance. It is something that Luke would have valued himself as he accompanied St Paul on his many journeys and chronicled the events of the Early Church as he wrote the Acts of the Apostles. Today's Gospel is often referred to as the parable of the Persistent Widow, and develops this Lucan theme of perseverance. As the nights get longer and colder and the summer fades away, it may be important to pray for this gift of perseverance. For some of us – even just making it to mass this Sunday or during the week is a victory of perseverance, especially when it is tempting to curl up at home.

The path to joy and fulfilment can be made up of these small heroic victories. However God wishes us to thrive not just to preserve. Persevering in the faith is a lot easier when we feed our faith regularly with the sacraments; in fact the more frequently we engage with God at this sacred level, whether at mass or confession, we can make that shift from a faith where we are just hanging on in there, to a faith that is alive, growing and flourishing. I have heard people say – it is not about keeping the faith, but giving the faith away. Jesus knows how hard it can be at times, when we are surrounded by cynicism and negativity – he knows how hard it is for the widow in the Gospel to get justice from the dishonest judge. Let's prepare for winter by strengthening our faith – even if all that means is putting 10 minutes aside each day to come and sit in the sacred silence of the Church.



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013



The Week's Activities

This week at the chaplaincy...

Mon 21st 5.30pm Welcomers Meeting
(see News Section)

SVP Meeting 7pm followed by Soup
Run for Homeless

Tue 22nd Lectio Divina 5-6pm
(Prayerful Bible study group)

5pm The Sound of Silence. Interfaith
meeting in the Chapel, speakers from a
variety of traditions Buddhism, Sufism,
the Quakers, and our own Fr Ian!

Weds 23rd – Foodbank open 10am –
12noon



*Students enjoying a food
based social*

*Don't forget to register at muscc.org to
be updated of future events – there is
loads coming up so don't miss out!*



*Br Guy Consolmagno –
one of the Faith and
Science speakers 2013*

7pm Nightfever Volunteers Meeting (see
News Section)

Thurs 24th CLC groups 7pm

7:30pm - **Faith and Science Event** –
meeting to discuss the years upcoming
events and possible discussions

Fri 25th – International Night 7pm – a
great night of food & culture, bring a dish
from your own country or pay £2 entry.
Best voted dish wins all the entry money!



*See this lady if you want
to be a welcomer!*

General News

Catholic Herald – there is a great article
about the Holy Name in this week's Catholic
Herald (p.8) Thanks to Alfred for writing it!

Welcomers – We are recruiting a team of
students to help welcome people to our
Sunday Masses, if you can help we have a
meeting at 5.30pm on Monday in the
chaplaincy

Nightfever – An exciting initiative that will
happen at the Holy Name on the First Friday
of every month. From 7pm-10pm the
church will be open, lots of candles lit,
mellow music and simply we will be inviting
passers-by in to light a candle. Started in
Germany, and running successfully in
London, Glasgow and soon to be
Manchester. If you want to be involved
then come to the organisers meeting on
Weds night 7.30pm. see -
<http://en.nightfever.org/?i=341> for info

Readers – we are expanding our impressive
mass readers team. If you are interested in
becoming a reader please fill in the 'doodle
scheduling' page by next week. Please use
the link below or go on the Chaplaincy
Facebook page:
<http://doodle.com/fd2ep65fqs9f4m7b>

Manchester University World Music Choir,
if you would like to join this exciting new
choir then email
kerry.firth@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk.
Rehearsals are every Monday 6.30-8pm at
the John Casken Lecture Theatre, Martin
Harris Centre. For more information see the
poster in the Chaplaincy

Accommodation Request : Catholic lady
(37) looking for – a single room to rent in
shared property – if you can help or know
someone who can then email Miroslava at
nextnewemail@googlemail.com

THIS WEEK SAINTS

Tuesday -Blessed John-Paul II, was Pope
from 1978 to 2005 His support for the
Solidarity movement which began in his
native Poland ultimately led to the
collapse of the Communist system in
Europe. His canonisation will take place
on the Sunday following Easter (Divine
Mercy Sunday) next year.

Wednesday - Saint John of Capistrano.
Born in Italy in 1386, he officially
separated from his wife in order to join
the Franciscan Order. He is remembered
for his austerity and zeal.

Friday -The Welsh Martyrs. Sir Richard
Gwyn, John Roberts OSB, John Jones
OFM, Philip Evans SJ, David Lewis SJ,
and John Lloyd all witnessed to the Faith
by the shedding of their blood during
the period of intense anti-Catholic
persecution from the 1580s to the
1680s.

Rome Pilgrimage It has been
announced that Pope Francis will
canonise both Pope John Paul II and
Pope John XXIII on Sun April 27th next
year. We are hoping to attend as a
group from here in Manchester. We
may be able to secure tickets for the
canonisation accommodation for about
20 for the Fri / Saturday / Sunday night
in Rome. People will have to make their
own travel arrangements. As you can
imagine Rome will be very busy that
weekend, so accommodation may cost
£50 a night, but we will do all we can to
keep the costs down. See Fr Tim as soon
as you can if you are interested.