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**Newsletter for Manchester Universities' Catholic Chaplaincy**

# Chaplaincy News Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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*



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

7pm Nightfever Volunteers Meeting (see  
News Section)

**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>** CLC groups 7pm

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

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup>** – 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!*

*Don't forget to register at [muscc.org](http://muscc.org) to  
be updated of future events – there is  
loads coming up so don't miss out!*

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.