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Newsletter for Manchester Universities' Catholic Chaplaincy



Chaplaincy News

 Sunday 22nd September

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?

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

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.

Welcome All New Students!

As we get to the end of a hectic welcome week – we welcome back returning students this week. We are looking forward to hearing about all your adventures over the summer. Jesus presents us with a stark challenge this week - You cannot serve both God and Mammon. Mammon is often interpreted as greed and personified as a false God. So as many of us start our studies or recommence them it maybe worth examining our consciences. Do we have the freedom of heart and detachment to use our gifts and talents for those who are most in need?

This week has also seen the release of a long interview by Pope Francis. The interview was organised and given simultaneously to 15 different Jesuit publications, including 'Thinking Faith' in this country. This interview has electrified the world's media - in general, Francis seems to suggest he wants the church to come off as less judgmental and more pastoral, though without becoming morally "lax." It is well worth reading at www.thinkingfaith.org/articles/20130919_1.htm It was also great to get a tweet this week from a friend of the chaplaincy, the president of the Catholic Medical Association who has had a very special meeting with the pope this week and his wife – you may spot his photo in the newsletter.



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2013



The Week's Activities

This week at the chaplaincy...

Monday – 7pm SVP meeting and Soup Run for homeless

Tuesday– 5pm Lectio Divina (Prayerful Bible study group)

7.15pm – Speaker 'Science & Faith' by Professor Marcial Staub, Dept of Medieval History, University of Sheffield. Hosted by the Catholic Writers Guild.

Wednesday – 1pm-5pm Food Bank Volunteer Training given by the Trussell Trust. There is still time to sign up!



Quiz Night last Friday



Students of trip to Chaplaincy Barmouth



Friend of the Chaplaincy meeting Pope Francis!

Don't forget to Register at muscc.org to be updated of future events – thanks to the 40+ new students who took time to register online this week.

Thursday – 7pm CLC information Evening. We are about to launch our first CLC group, it will be for postgrads, hopefully soon to be followed by an undergraduate group. CLC is a prayer and sharing group where you are formed in Ignatian Spirituality. If you would like to learn more come and see!

Friday – Social 7pm (to be announced – check facebook and website)

Saturday - Tour of Manchester City Centre – meet at chaplaincy at 12noon finish by 5pm.

General News

NEWS Exploring Jesuit Life 27th - 29th September 2013, Loyola Hall, Merseyside, L35 6NZ

A weekend for those who would like to find out more about the Jesuits and their mission in the Church. We will look at the life of St. Ignatius Loyola, delve into aspects of Jesuit spirituality and explore the particular contribution that the Society of Jesus makes to the life of the Church. The weekend begins on Friday evening and finishes after lunch on Sunday. Suggested donation: Chaplaincy will Pay (see Fr Tim). For more information or to book a place, please email Fr. Matthew Power SJ, matthew.power@jesuits.net

Congratulations to Joey who was recorded for BBC Radio Manchester and Eamonn on BBC Radio Lancashire talking about our Foodbank – the first student-run Foodbank in the country. If you want to be involved email manchestercentralfoodbank@yahoo.com



THIS WEEK SAINTS

Monday - St Pio of Petrolcina (Padre Pio) , a Twentieth century Franciscan saint whose charism attracted millions of followers to his monastery in Italy to make their confession, or for a chance of a blessing. His mystical union with Christ was revealed in his own body through the miracle of the stigmata.

Tuesday – Our Lady of Walsingham, the national shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham, Norfolk was destroyed by Henry VIII but has come to life in recent years as an ecumenical centre of prayer and worship. A group of our own students walked to Walsingham this Easter on 'Student Cross'

Friday – St Vincent De Paul – a man of humble birth who devoted his life to service of the poor in 17th Century France, our own Society of Vincent de Paul takes them name from this hero of charity, and continues his work on the streets and homes of Manchester.

CAFOD "I came that they may have life and have it to the full" John 10:10.

Could you motivate and engage others to make lasting change in the developing world? Or do you know someone who could? CAFOD needs volunteers to give talks about our work in parishes and in schools, we can offer you train in g and support and the chance to make a real difference. Please contact Ged Edwards on 0161 705 0605 or gedwards@cafod.org.uk for further details.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

Archbishop Romero Lecture at Holy Name on Thursday 31st October at 7pm. Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP "A Disturbing Truth: the Church, the Poor, and Oscar Romero".