

This Week's Events

This week at the Chaplaincy...

Mon 24th Nov

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

Tues 25th Nov

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

7pm Catholic Writers Guild NW – A talk by Rev Fr Francis Marsden entitled: *Ukraine – Trapped between Tsar, Putin & Euro-Decadence.*

7pm 'Great Silence Night' – Screening of a ground-breaking documentary on silent retreats.

Weds 26th Nov

7pm RCIA Course – Our group will be meeting over in the Strada Room at the back of the church this week.

Thurs 27th Nov

8.30am-5.30pm Foodbank Food-drive – Come and help collect food for people in crisis this Christmas. (See info below)

7pm Postgraduate Dinner – Come and meet fellow Catholics who are studying here in Manchester.

7pm CLC – Come along if you would like to join the group or find out more about it.

Fri 28th Nov

8.30am-5.30pm Foodbank Food-drive

Sat 29th Nov

8.30am-5.30pm Foodbank Food-drive

Sun 30th Nov

7pm Mass followed by Dinner – Join us for good food & company!



This week the Foodbank has fed a total of **73 people**. We provided emergency relief for 48 adults and 25 children in crisis.

To help us continue our work please email mancofoodbank@yahoo.com

We are selling Christmas Cards designed by local artists to raise money for the Foodbank this Holiday Season. The cost is £4 for a pack of 5.

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

Monday – Father Andrew Dung-Lac was one of 117 Vietnamese Catholics martyred between 1820 and 1860 during a government persecution. On this occasion we remember also the many Vietnamese Catholics who died in the 20th century as witnesses to their Faith.

Wednesday – John Berchmans was a young Dutch Jesuit who died at Rome in 1621 while pursuing his studies. He was the son of a shoemaker and gave much edification to those around him by his robust and cheerful faith in God and by his love for Christ. His favourite text from the Psalms was "My heart is ready, Lord, my heart is ready!"



Last week we welcomed the Chase's 'Governess' to the Chaplaincy to host our SVP Quiz. The evening was a great success with plenty of good Spirit, and of course, good general knowledge!

As a result we have raised over £250 for our SVP group which will help support our voluntary activities working with the homeless, a local primary school and the elderly. Thank you to all those who took part and helped out with the evening. Well done everyone!



Students Chante and Jenny with the Governess!



National Food-drive Thurs 27th, Fri 28th & Sat 29th November

Tesco and the Trussel Trust have come together for a weekend of action to help support some of the most vulnerable people over the Christmas period.

We need volunteers to help collect food. Full transport provided from the Chaplaincy. If you can give 3 hours on any of the days, please email

warehouse@manchestercentral.foodbank.org.uk

(P.S. We urgently need volunteers who can drive)

Month of Remembrance

Our deceased loved ones will be remembered at all Masses in November. The **November Lists** will be placed on the Altar of All saints & the Holy Souls, in the far right of the Sanctuary. If you would like to remember a loved one please place your name on the green sheets by the entrance of the church

Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday, 10th December
7pm in the Holy Name Church

*If you would like to take part in
our Week of Guided Prayer
please speak to Fr Tim or Fr Ian*

Please Return to the Chaplaincy by MONDAY 1st DECEMBER.

Week of Guided Prayer in Manchester Chaplaincy

Opening Meeting: Sunday 7th December 4.00-5.30pm

Meetings with guide: Monday 8th - Friday 12th
at a time to suit (30 mins)

Closing meeting: Friday 12th December at 4.30pm

"WAYS OF PRAYING" WORKSHOPS MONDAY,
TUESDAY and THURSDAY EVENINGS 7.00pm
(Attendance encouraged but voluntary)



A Week of Guided Prayer is an opportunity to:

- Take time out
- Deepen your relationship with God
- Explore new ways of praying
- Find help with any kind of decision



Congrats to our winning team at the SVP Quiz with the Chase's Governess

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Christ the King

J R R Tolkien in a letter to Fr Rob Murray SJ said that 'The Lord of the Rings is of course a fundamentally religious and Catholic work, unconsciously so at first, but consciously in the revision,' Some theologians have speculated that a Christology emerges during the trilogy, with the central character in each book each performing the role of Christ the Priest (Frodo), Prophet (Gandalf) and King (Aragorn). The final book, Return of the King, draws profoundly on Catholic beliefs about 'End Times' - Christ the King who returns to inaugurate a new era and Kingdom of Justice and Peace.

Today marks the last week of the Churches year - the liturgical year - before Advent season begins next Sunday. The readings of the last few weeks have been taken from the book of Apocalypse - adding to that sensation of coming to the end of days.

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, in anticipation of his Kingdom, whilst also realising that we have a duty to work to help bring about that Kingdom.

Preparing for Christmas

Then the liturgical wheel turns and we prepare to celebrate the birth of the baby King at Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation and waiting. In the Chaplaincy we are offering a week of guided prayer in the first week of advent. During that week there will be the opportunity to meet daily with a prayer guide, and also attend three workshops on prayer if you would like. Places are limited and always in demand - so pick up a booklet at the back of the church, for more information and to register with Stephanie in the chaplaincy. There is no better way to prepare for Christmas!

You can now register with the Chaplaincy for regular updates on areas you are interested in – www.muscc.org/register