

This Week's Events

This week at the Chaplaincy...

Mon 27th Oct

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

Tues 28th Oct

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

7.15pm Catholic Writers Guild Talk: "Catholic Writing – What is it?" – Fr William will give a talk on the concept, including a look at controversial authors, and the floor will be open to discussion.

Weds 29th Oct

1-4pm Inter-generational Meal – A three-course meal cooked by students for the over 65s in the local community.

7pm Start of RCIA Course – Our first session is to find out what being a Catholic is all about.

Thurs 30th Oct

7pm Postgraduate Dinner – Join us for the second meal of the semester and meet fellow Catholics who are studying here in Manchester.

Sat 1st Nov

10am-6pm Embrace – FREE Youth Conference offering a variety of activities; Keynote Speakers, Mass & Workshops. For more info please visit www.embrace-liverpool.org.uk

Sun 2nd Nov

7pm Mass followed by Dinner –

Come along for good food/company!

COMING UP

Thurs 6th Nov

7pm Archbishop Kaigama of Jos, Nigeria – Talk on “NIGERIA: the Struggle for Faith and Freedom” will be given by the Archbishop in The Holy Name.

Fri 14th-Sun 16th Nov

Godly Mayhem by Peter Rollins – Weekend conference at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire DE55 1AU. Students tickets £70. For more info visit:

www.pcnbritain.org.uk/events

Thurs 20th Nov

Faith and the Arts – A “twilight” tour of Manchester Art Gallery. For more information please contact Fr William:
pearsall@jesuits.net

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This week the Foodbank has fed a total of **50 people**.

We provided emergency relief for 32 adults and 18 children in crisis.

Our AGM last Wednesday evening was a great success! We have elected 15 Foodbank Trustees for the year, 4 of whom are part of the Executive Committee. We are looking forward to continuing the development of the service and are excited by the challenges we face in the year ahead.

Fan of ‘The Chase’?

Come and join our quiz night for the SVP with special guest **The Governess** on Nov 19th. Tickets £3 – available in the Chaplaincy this week before going on General Sale



Last week the SVP fed **48 people** on their soup runs into the city-centre.

If you want to help us keep this number growing then please contact: svp.muscc@outlook.com

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

Tuesday - Saints Simon and Jude (Thaddeus) were among the original inner group of twelve chosen by Christ, first to be His disciples ("learners") and then to be His apostles ("ones who are sent"). These twelve disciples are the "apostolic and catholic (=universal)" foundation of the Church and we are linked to them in every age through their successors. Simon and Jude died as martyrs to the new faith.

Friday - Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez SJ was a Jesuit brother of Spanish birth whose patient service as door-keeper and welcomer at the Jesuit house in Majorca won him universal admiration. He died in 1617. This day is kept in honour of Jesuit brothers throughout the world, whose work now extends into every field. We thank them!

Please Note: All Saints Day (normally November 1st) is kept on Sunday November 2nd this year. It is a Solemnity of the Church and the day on which we venerate with joy the whole company of God's saints eternally united in Heaven.

Becoming a Catholic

If you would like to learn about the Catholic Faith, come along to our first gathering for the RCIA programme (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) this Wednesday October 29th in the Chaplaincy at 7pm. This is an enquiry evening to share questions and to find out what being a Catholic is all about. We will then move on to a more systematic study of the Faith in the coming months for those who are interested. Just come along on Wednesday and see if this is for you!



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Chaplaincy News - Sun 26th Oct 2014

Congratulations to the Foodbank for a successful first AGM & 15 new Trustees

The value of making a Retreat

The key focus of the Chaplaincy's growth is to offer a series of retreats this year for our students, especially for those who are committed to one or other of the works of the Chaplaincy. The idea of a spiritual retreat, is to take time away from busy lives and focus a little bit more on what really matters, on God and on prayer. It offers us space to reflect – to recharge our spiritual batteries, to refocus our energies on what is really important and on what lasts.

This weekend the SVP group are making a retreat, it is a time for them to reflect on the important work that they do, on feeding the homeless, on visiting the old and lonely, on running a breakfast club for local children in Moss Side, who would otherwise start their first lessons with an empty stomach. The work that they do is important in its self – but having a chance to reflect on these many encounters allows us to deepen the experience – it is reflecting like this that change happens, the only change that matters – the only

Change that lasts – changing hearts and minds. Jesus reminds us that when we serve those most in need we are encountering him.

There will be other 'individual' retreats that are available to all students – silent retreats. Supported by a spiritual guide – a silent retreat often follows a process that was developed by St Ignatius, called 'Spiritual Exercises'. These are one of the best ways of encountering God – if you are interested in making an individual guided retreat, speak to Fr Tim.

Not all of us have the time to go away to a retreat house, so before Christmas we will be offering a Retreat in Daily Life – or a week of guided prayer, beginning on Dec 8th, places are limited so if you are interested in that experience then register with one of the Chaplaincy Team.

Don't miss our own Fr William giving a talk on Tuesday 7.15pm at the Chaplaincy - titled "Catholic Writing – What is it?" All welcome.

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