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Chaplaincy News Sunday 2nd February 2014

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.

Can You help? We need...

**VOLUNTEERS TO
COOK AFTER MASS,
DESIGNER FOR
NEWSLETTER,
DESIGNERS,
FOODBANK
WEBSITE
VOLUNTEER,
READERS, ALTAR
SERVERS**

Gathering together for mass is the most important meeting that we have all week. Today's gospel of the Presentation underlines this. As the prophet Malachi predicts in the first reading, the Lord whom you seek will come to the temple. The temple is the place where man encounters God, the temple is the place where we come to offer sacrifices to be reconciled with God. However in the sacrifice of the mass, the most beautiful prayer we can make, we relive the greatest sacrifice of all, Christ giving his body and blood for the sins of the world. His sacrifice trumps all else – and this prayer is being offered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week all over the world, in great cathedrals and in simple chapels, in the heart of great cities and on the tops of mountains, in schools and universities and in rainforests. When we fully appreciate this we value the mass more and we participate more fully.

It was inspiring on Friday night to see and hear all the different ways that people are participating in the mass, and in the wider life of the chaplaincy. We had thirty different students speaking about the groups, activities and opportunities that are offered – with so much everyone only had a minute to speak! It was lovely to see so many new students coming. So if you would like to participate more in the mass, either through reading, serving, singing, welcoming, cooking, folding leaflets, or collecting money, see one of the priests. The great prophets Anna and Simeon speak about seeing the glory of the Lord in the Gospels, with your generosity and involvement we hope that all the visitors to the Holy Name may also see the glory of the Lord when they come to the Holy Name, and that it may bring joy, hope and peace to their lives. www.muscc.org/register



The Week's Activities

This week at the chaplaincy...

Mon 3rd Feb

7pm SVP Meeting & Homeless Run
(also Tue / Wed/ Thur/ Sat)

Tues 4th Feb

10am Visit of Head Boys & Girls of
Jesuit Schools (*come and say hello!*)
5-6pm Lectio Divina

Weds 5th Feb

AM Foodbank Open
7pm **RCIA meeting** – a group for
those considering Baptism or
wanting Confirmation



Thurs 6th Feb

7pm **Stephen Timms MP**, Talk on
Faith & Politics - free event for staff,
students and public. These events are
well attended so come early to get a seat!
Also at 7pm CLC

Friday

AM Foodbank Open
7pm **Nightfever in church** (see
info on next page)



General News

Nightfever This Fri 7pm – 10pm

A monthly evening of prayer and invitation in the church. The church will be open, candlelit and the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. Last month nearly 150 people came in to lit a candle in the church, many for the first time. Come and help with the volunteers, or just by sitting and praying. The volunteers are a mix of students and the Diocesan Youth Service

Fearless Prayer Festival Fri 14/2 – Sun 16/2

In a fortnights time will be a prayer festival in Leeds run by Youth 2000. There will be a group going from Manchester – if you would like to join them email lloyd.gashu@live.com

SPUC conference The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is holding the 7th international pro-life youth conference from 4pm Friday 7th – 2pm Sunday 9th March 2013, at the University of Wolverhampton Telford Conference centre. It's just outside of Birmingham so easy to reach. We have been offered **5 free places**, so if you would like to attend see Fr Tim or Fr William.

A weekend retreat for Lecturers Is being offered from 21st-23rd March 2014 at Boarbank Hall in Cumbria. The theme is on great Christian Teachers, Alexander Murray, from University College, Oxford, reflecting on Jesuit Teilhard de Chardin and Fr Dixie Taylor of Boarbank Hall reflecting on Dominican Marie-Joseph Lagrange. Email margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk for more information

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

Monday – St Blaise was a 4th century Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia who suffered a martyr's death. Among his good deeds was the extraction of a fish-bone from a choking boy and on this account he is invoked for ailments of the throat.

The "Blessing of St Blaise" will be given after each Mass today.

Wednesday – St Agatha was one of many Virgin Martyrs who bravely defended the Gospel by refusing to yield either their bodies or their spirits to their male tormentors. She died in Sicily in the 3rd century.

Thursday – St Paul Miki and Companions were the first of thousands of Christians who were put to death in Japan during a fierce persecution that began in the 1590s as a result of official hostility to foreign influence.

Summer Experience in Algeria

The Jesuits in Algeria are inviting young people to stay with them from August 2nd – August 24th. It will be an experience of offering hospitality, learning about the country and Islam. It will only cost 200 euros, If you are interested email damien.depreville@jesuites.com.