

This Week's Events

This week at the Chaplaincy...

Mon 8th Dec

Mon 8th – Fri 12th Week of Guided Prayer (Advent) – Not signed up? Don't worry, you can still come along to our voluntary workshops on **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**.

7pm SVP Christmas Pizza Party – We're going against tradition this year by having a Christmas Pizza Party to celebrate our achievements this semester. Open to all past, present and future SVP members. Donations are encouraged.

Tues 9th Dec

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

Weds 10th Dec

7pm Carols by Candlelight – Join us in the Holy Name for our Christmas Carol Service, followed by mulled wine and mince pies! All are welcome.

Fri 12th Dec

Christmas Break for UoM

Fri 12th – Sun 14th Silent Retreat – If you would like to take part in our weekend retreat in St Beuno's, Wales, please speak to Fr Tim or email Stephanie at general.muscc@gmail.com

THE RUN-UP TO CHRISTMAS

Mon 15th Dec

Mon 15th-Sun 21st: 6 Day Pre-Christmas Silent Retreat – Pray for our intrepid students making a silent retreat in North Wales

Wed 17th Dec

7.30pm Organ Recital – Come and join us for an evening of wonderful music performed by Organist Simon Leach in the Holy Name Church. All are welcome.

Fri 19th Dec

Christmas Break for MMU

We wish everyone going home for the Christmas Break a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you all in January for your next semester here in Manchester.



Our SVP group fed **65 people** across three soup runs in to the city-centre last week. If you want to help keep this number growing please contact: svp.muscc@outlook.com



Last week the Foodbank fed a total of **75 people**. We provided emergency relief for 34 adults and 41 children in crisis.

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

We are operating a reduced service over the Christmas period. From Monday 22nd December we will only be open on Tuesdays (23rd & 30th) at our usual time of 10am-12pm. If you are able to help us out at this busy time of the year, please do get in touch with us at info@manchestercentral.foodbank.org.uk

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

Monday – The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a major festival in many countries. As we think of Mary in her pregnancy during this time of Advent, we remember her own conception and birth, freed by the retro-active merits her Son from all stain of original sin.

Tuesday – St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, a Mexican peasant, was the first indigenous American to be canonised. His visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the 1530s and her image miraculously impressed on his cloak became the source of the great Latin American devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Thursday – Pope Saint Damasus was a towering figure of the 4th century who helped put down the Arian heresy (which denied the full divinity of Christ) and who built a strong papacy against the increasing threats of barbarians.

Friday – The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is a devotion centred on the hugely popular Mexican shrine and under this title Mary is the patron of the Americas (see above).

Saturday – St Lucy was a virgin martyr of Sicily (died circa 300 AD) whose torture included the removal of her eyes. Because of her name ("lux" = light) she is a symbol of hope in the mid-winter darkness and her feast is celebrated with a candle-lit head-dress in Northern European countries.

Regular donations to the Foodbank can be made by direct debit to our Charity Bank Account.

Bank: HSBC Sort code: 40-31-30 Account Number: 62070510

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Presents

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

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies plus a special unveiling!

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Holy Name Church
Oxford Road
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Carols by Candlelight

On Monday the new Bishop of Salford, John Arnold, will be installed at the cathedral and we are delighted that one of his first official appointments will be with us in the church on Wednesday evening at our annual Carols by Candlelight. It is a wonderful celebration, with the church lit by the light of hundreds of candles and the chance to sing some of your favourite carols, followed by a warm cup of mulled wine afterwards. Come early to get a seat and bring your friends along.

Christmas

Congratulations to everyone who is nearing the end of their year's studies, and to those having winter graduations. As the Christmas approaches we know that some international students don't get the chance to fly home and stay in Manchester. We know how difficult it can be being far from your family at

Christmas so we will be having a few celebrations over the Christmas holiday. On Christmas Day the Jesuit community invite any students in Manchester to join us for Christmas lunch – if you would like to be included see Fr Tim so he can add you to the list, or tell any friends you know who may be interested.

IMPORTANT : Change of Mass Times

From Monday 15th Dec we will only have one Mass per day:

Weekdays at 1.05pm

Sundays at 12pm

In the Holy Name Church

For the full Advent and Christmas timetable pick up a booklet at the back of the church.

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