

# This Week's Events

This week at the Chaplaincy...

## Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Feb

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

**7pm Jesuit Missions Talk** – Held by Clara Sheaf from JM; an opportunity to find out about placements in South America, India and Africa. Come along to find out more and hear from fellow students about their own experiences.

## Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Feb

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

## Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Feb

**6pm Eucharistic Minister Training** in the church – come along if you would like to serve in this way at mass

**7pm RCIA** – Our group exploring the Catholic Faith. We are meeting over in the Strada Room at the back of the church. Please join us if you would like to be confirmed this year!

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb

**7pm Refresher Evening** – Come along and find out what we have going on for you this semester and catch up with everyone after exams. Lots of FREE food and drink available and a chance to meet new friends!

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb

**RCIA Weekend Retreat** – A time of prayer and reflection, of fellowship and faith at St. Joseph's Prayer Centre, Freshfield.

## Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Feb

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

**Refreshers Evening on Thursday Night** – Find out about and get involved in one of the many activities at the chaplaincy & come and meet the leaders



Walking in pairs on Formby Beach at our recent retreat – come on Thurs to find out more



## THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

**Tuesday** – St Scholastica lived in a small community of women near the monastery of Monte Cassino (Italy), which her brother, St Benedict, had founded. This was the beginning of the great monastic movement in Europe. She died in 543 AD.

**Wednesday** – Our Lady of Lourdes: The appearing of Mary to young St Bernadette in this remote part of France (in 1858) was the start of a pilgrim tradition which has brought healing of mind, spirit and body to millions of people.

**Saturday** – St Cyril and St Methodius were brothers who belonged to the Byzantine (Greek) part of the Catholic Church and who undertook the conversion of the Slavic peoples to Christianity in the 800's AD. The Cyrillic alphabet is still in use. Today is also St Valentine's, the day traditionally set aside to celebrate young love (and maybe not so young!).

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SILENT SATURDAY 28th February 2015, 8am - 8pm

A ONE DAY, SILENT RETREAT designed to offer students and staff a chance to spend a day in prayerful reflection, receive guidance on prayer, and take time out from busy everyday life. This is a free retreat.

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Avila House and Holy Name  
Church, Oxford Road,  
Manchester, M13 0HY

RETREAT INFORMATION SESSION  
Friday 27th February, 6:30pm

MORE INFO AND SIGN UP [www.muscc.org](http://www.muscc.org)



Last week the Foodbank fed a total of **60 people**.

We provided emergency relief for 41 adults and 19 children in crisis.

To help us continue our work please email: [manfoodbank@yahoo.com](mailto:manfoodbank@yahoo.com)

**WE NEED: RICE, TINNED FISH & TINNED FRUIT**



Our SVP group fed **66** homeless 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](mailto:svp.muscc@outlook.com)



**Come on Monday night (7pm) to hear about volunteering opportunities in Africa, Asian & South America with Jesuit Mission, Meet Clara Sheaf The Volunteer Co-ordinator & Hugh just back from Tanzania.**



**The Chaplaincy Committee Last Weekend at St. Joseph's Prayer Centre, Freshfield  
Chaplaincy News – Sun 8<sup>th</sup> February 2015  
Manchester Universities Catholic Chaplaincy  
0161 273 1456 | [general.muscc@gmail.com](mailto:general.muscc@gmail.com)**

### **The Problem of Evil**

'Where are you God?'

Have you ever struggled to get to sleep – when the night drags on ..... This is the experience of Job in today's first reading. The Book of Job bravely and without compromise looks at pain in the eye..... Our first reading today explores this. When we follow the news in the unremitting 24-hours news cycle it can lead us to being immersed in an avalanche of bad news. If we take this seriously it can be an experience of existential and theological pain – leading us to cry out 'God where are you? God what are you doing about this?'

We get the answer in the Gospel – God in the human person of Jesus is crowded by many Job's bringing their Problems and woes. In his healing

We see the answer – but even more in his solidarity with our suffering. So we have a choice – in the face of suffering do we curse the darkness or try and light a candle and be part of the solution.

On **Monday** night we are offering a very practical way to be part of the solution – as volunteering placements in some of the poorest parts of the world are presented by **Jesuit Missions** . On **Thursday** at our **refreshers event** you will also have a chance to meet some of the organisers of the groups who use the chaplaincy as a base to help alleviate suffering in Manchester. If you want to help come along!

You can now register with the Chaplaincy for regular updates on areas you are interested in – [www.muscc.org/register](http://www.muscc.org/register)