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Foodbank donations

This week the foodbank received some big donations of food. You can make a food donation (big or small) in the boxes provided at the back of the church. If you would like to volunteer your time and skills at the foodbank send an email to mancfoodbank@yahoo.com, including your name and how you would like to help. Thank you.



Icosa Chamber Choir 17 October

Icosa presents a musical programme of Sacred Poetry on Saturday October 17, at 7pm at Holy Name Church. We will explore mostly English text and music focusing on both old and new with compositions from five young composers from around Manchester.



Taking a tour in Manchester

Manchester Universities Catholic Chaplaincy
Chaplaincy News – Sun 11th October 2015
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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is our programme for helping people to learn about the Catholic faith with a possible view to becoming Catholics and it is also for Catholics who would like the sacrament of confirmation when our bishop visits us in the spring. The programme consists of sessions in the chaplaincy devoted to Catholic life and beliefs as well as talks with guest speakers that are open to the public. Our first session is at 7pm on Wednesday October 10th. If you are interested please contact Fr. William pearsall@jesuits.net

Thursday is the feast of St Teresa of Avila – patron of the chaplaincy building. This year we celebrate the 500th anniversary of her birth (on 28 March 1515). As a young girl she set out with her brother to be martyred, but it took many years of struggle as a Carmelite nun before she “sold everything” and entered more deeply into a life of prayer which led her to found small, simple convents around Spain. She did what seemed impossible by trusting in God as Jesus encourages his disciples today (Mark 10.17-30) – there are many resources about St Teresa online, e.g. <http://www.totheholymountain.org/>. Her writings are well worth a read, for example, her autobiography, one of her books on prayer or some of her letters.

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



This Week's Events

This week at the Chaplaincy...

Monday 12th Oct

8.30am Morning Prayer – We're meeting in the Chapel every weekday morning to start our day with a prayer.
6.30pm SVP Meeting – Voluntary work with the homeless, in local primary schools, visiting the elderly or working with people with learning disabilities.

Tuesday 13th Oct

10am-12pm Foodbank – The only student-run Foodbank in the country serving the local community in crisis. (also Weds / Fri)

Wednesday 14th Oct

7pm-8.30pm RCIA – Our annual RCIA programme begins this week for those who would like to be confirmed or are interested in becoming Catholics.

Friday 16th Oct

1.00pm-2.00pm Staff Bible Study

Saturday 17th October

7pm – Icosa Chamber choir (see back page for details)

Sunday 18th Oct

Mass – Please come along and join for Mass: 9:15am hymns; 12pm classical choir; 7pm contemporary music group.

8.00pm Dinner – our after Mass meal is becoming a very beautiful tradition. Join us for a great time together and home-made food.

Can you help?

We need:

Altar servers

Contact: Fr William
pearsall@jesuits.net

Eucharistic ministers

Contact: Fr William
Readers

If you are passionate about reading the Word of God during Mass and you are brave enough to give it a try, you are the person we are looking for. We always need readers for 12pm and 7pm Mass on Sundays.

Contact our readers group leader
Chante: chantetajs@hotmail.com



Join our greeting team

If you would like to help us welcoming people to the Church before Mass, preparing hymn sheets/books and newsletters for the Mass (12pm/7pm), contact our coordinator Trevor:
trevor_m_david@hotmail.com

Besides emailing the relevant people, you can also speak to any member of the chaplaincy team after Mass if you would like to serve the community in one of these ministries. Thanks.

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

Tuesday – St Edward the Confessor was the last Anglo-Saxon king of England, a saintly and conscientious ruler. He was succeeded by the Norman king William I in 1066.

Wednesday – St John Ogilvie was a Jesuit martyr who was tortured and executed in Glasgow in 1615.

Thursday - St Teresa of Avila (died in 1582) was a great mystic and guide to the spiritual life. She met much opposition from the Church for her reforms of convent life.

Friday – St Margaret Mary Alacoque was a 17th century nun whose visions helped to establish popular devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Saturday - St Ignatius of Antioch was a bishop and martyr of the early 2nd century. His letters to the churches show the full development of the Catholic Church a century after Christ.



Organ Recital in the Holy Name
Francesca Massey will be playing the organ for us at 7.30pm on Friday 23 October



Toasties are back!

For all uni students & staff
12.30pm-1.00pm Monday to Friday.
This week we received a 5-star hygiene rating from the city council. A big thank you to all those who have kept the kitchen clean and tidy. We are looking for students to help **make toasties** during the week.



Last week the Foodbank fed a total of **88 people**. We provided emergency relief for 47 adults and 39 children in crisis.

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

We are running particularly low in the following food items and would greatly welcome them in any upcoming donations:

- **UHT milk**
- **tinned meat**
- **tinned fish**



SVP News

This Week

Monday night, 5th of Oct, marked the first meeting of the SVP volunteer group. Meetings will be **every Monday night at 18:30** and everyone is welcome to attend.

What does the SVP group do?

There are 3 main projects you can get involved with.

1. HOMELESS RUNS

What: Groups of 3-5 volunteers help make sandwiches, tea, coffee, and snacks and then distribute to the homeless on the street.

Why: The homeless runs go beyond just providing a meal. You'll spend time talking with and showing love towards those that are less fortunate. A listening ear and a smile can make a huge difference in someone's life.

When: Evenings Tuesday – Saturday: 18:30pm – Approx. 21:30pm

Where: Meet at the Catholic Chaplaincy

How: Join the FB public group – SVP MUSCC in order to sign up each week or see the sign-up sheet in the Chaplaincy.

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Why: Children need positive role models in their lives in order to flourish and succeed. You can make an impact in a child's life! In addition, we pay for the food served.

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M15 6JS

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