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Manchester Universities' Catholic Chaplaincy

Last weekend Fr Tim, Muhammed and Eamonn went to London for a training program to be community organizers together with Edward Miliband.



RCIA Talk given by Fr Sumeth Perara SJ

Manchester Universities Catholic Chaplaincy

Chaplaincy News – Sun 25th October 2015

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“Science without religion is lame. Religion without science is blind.” (Einstein) Our visiting speaker last week was Sumeth Perara, a geneticist carrying out doctoral research at Oxford and specialising in the way cancer cells “communicate”. Clearly he is a man of science. He is also a Jesuit priest, with a life of prayer, sacramental ministry and pastoral service – a man of faith. Bringing these two roles together Fr Sumeth showed us the way in which faith and science are not only compatible but *belong* together in our search for truth. It takes a scientist to see the limits of science. In the Bible view of creation, matter itself is declared “good” and all life comes from God. St Ignatius in his “contemplation for obtaining divine love” asks us to consider God present and “working” in all of nature. Creation is not only good; it is *sacred*. This is a theme taken up by poets from the psalmist to the English Romantics”. In this vision of creation as an overflowing of God's love, the ongoing project of scientific discovery becomes an act of homage. Even as we try to solve the equations of spin or the meet the challenges of super-conductivity, we remember to “take off our shoes”, for we are on holy ground.

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 26th Oct

8.30am Morning Prayer – We're meeting in the Chapel every weekday morning to start our day with a prayer.

6.30pm SVP Talk – Join for a talk based on topic 'Homelessness in Manchester'.

Tuesday 27th Oct

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

Wednesday 28th Oct

7pm-8.30pm RCIA – this week our session is the public talk (see back page).

Friday 30th Oct

1.00pm-2.00pm Staff Bible Study

Musicians & Singers Retreat – from Friday afternoon

7.00pm African Mass – Fr Ibe SJ will be leading the service. We will have a meal afterwards as well.

Sunday 25th 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.

All Hallows Eve (Halloween)

Saturday is the eve of All Hallows Day, more commonly called All Saints Day. As we notice the leaves falling off the trees we are reminded of our own mortality and our continuing link with those who have died and of their on-going journey to God.

There was an ancient belief that the souls of the recently dead remained nearby until All Hallows Day when they passed to heaven or purgatory.

In some parts of the world it is traditional to visit the graves of deceased relatives with flowers or candles on this day. In much of northern Europe there was a long tradition of poor people, asking for food, "soul cakes", on this day, in return for prayers for their benefactors' deceased loved ones.

During the month of November we are invited to pray for those who have died; next weekend envelopes will be available to add the names of your dearly departed to the list of souls we pray for at Mass. You might also like to have a specific Mass intention for someone during this month.

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS

Monday – St Chad was one of many Anglo-Saxon saints who made England a truly Christian country during the "dark" ages after the fall of the Roman Empire. He was an inspiring abbot and a spiritual father to many monks and nuns.

Wednesday – SS Simon and Jude (Thaddeus) were two of the twelve apostles. Little is known of Jude, but Simon was originally a Zealot - a "radicalised" enemy of the Romans. Both lived out the call to be "missionary disciples" and to bring the Good News of Christ to the world.

Saturday – St Alphonsus Rodriguez SJ was a Jesuit brother whose life-long service as door-keeper and welcomer won universal admiration. On this day we remember and thank our Jesuit brothers for their great work. Perhaps you might know one at the chaplaincy!



Fr Tim will be hosting a series of podcast *Prayer for the Day* on BBC Radio 4. You can hear it on 31st October, Monday 2nd – Friday 6th November, 6:00am.



Toasties are back!

For all uni students & staff
1.00pm - 2.00pm
Monday to Friday.
We are looking for students to help **make toasties** during the week.

Mass and Meal for African Students

On 30th of October (Friday), 7pm we will be having a special Mass for all the students from Africa in the chapel. Fr Ibe SJ will be leading the service, all African students are welcome. We will also have a meal afterwards.

