



CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY TO THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITIES

The University Church of St Philip Neri Church ~ "The Oratory Church"

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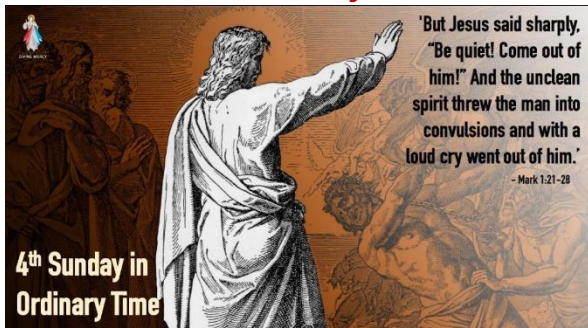
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Events for Students and University Members:

Masses & Services This Week:

Monday: 8.15am Mass at the MC Convent (55 Seel St)
Tuesday: Morning prayer 8am, followed by breakfast; Mass 6pm *
Wednesday : 12.30 Mass at Faith Express
Thursday: Adoration 5.30pm* followed by £1 supper
*events in the chaplaincy; Blackburne Place entrance
Sunday: Confession: 5.15 – 5.35pm; Mass 6pm

CathSoc Pub Quiz @ The Cambridge
Tuesday Evening 7pm.

Staff & PhD Group: Wednesday 31st January at 6pm at the chaplaincy. We meet every other Wednesday during university term time for a fellowship, prayer and faith-based discussion. Open to all university staff and doctoral students.

How to have a Mass offered for your Intentions.

It is customary in the Roman Catholic Church for priests to offer Mass for a particular intention. It may be for someone who has died, or for a special intention – say someone who is sick, or for success in a job interview. Our 6pm Sunday Mass is offered for all the chaplaincy community. I am asked by students now and again to offer Mass for particular intentions. We can offer the Tuesday or Wednesday Mass, or Saturday Masses when we have them, for your intention.

To have Mass offered on a particular occasion or for a particular person or cause, please let me know (by email or WhatsApp, or in person – preferably write down the intention), and make the prescribed offering, which, here is £5. (This goes to the Chaplaincy account, not to me personally) You can make the offering in cash, or at the SumUp store.

Confession (The Sacrament of Reconciliation)

You can come to confession in Church (in the side room) from **5.15pm-5.35pm on Sundays. The Main church doors will be open from 5.15pm.** You will be able to confess either face to face, or 'through the grill.'

Today, David Roper from the **Whitechapel Centre** will be joining us for Mass at 6pm, and afterwards giving a presentation in the Chaplaincy. The Whitechapel Centre is the leading homeless and housing charity for the Liverpool region. They work with people who are sleeping rough, living in hostels or struggling to manage their accommodation. They are committed to helping people find and maintain a home and learn the life skills essential for independent living. Part of his talk will be about ways in which you can become involved in their work by giving a little bit of their time.

Retreat Weekend – February 23rd-25th at Wistaston Hall, Crewe, with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia

There are a few places left. You can collect application forms from Fr Neil or Hana. Return them with your payment (£40) and we will put your name on the list. Places are limited, so don't delay!

Easter 2024 | Thursday 28th - Sunday 31st March

Would you like to dive deeper into the mystery of death and resurrection of Jesus Christ? And in a beautiful setting of Yorkshire countryside? Then come and spend this year's Easter at Ampleforth Abbey, York, there is a group of young adults and students travelling from Liverpool!



The retreat is donations based, inclusive of accommodation and full board (the food is nice!). There is a high demand and the

registration closes at the end of January. Everyone registers individually but indicate you travel with Liverpool group at

www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk/easter-triduum-retreat-0

If you are interested and/or have questions speak to Hana after the Mass.

Weekly Collection & other donations, you can pay online at philipnerihouse.sumupstore.com
Thank you so much for your contributions



Please note: all chaplaincy events are open to university members who are **18 yrs of age or older**. If you are under 18 at the moment, please make yourself known to Fr Neil or to Hana

----- **Vegetarian, Vegan or special diets:** for events with catering, we are happy to provide suitable alternatives if you let us know in advance you are coming, and tell us what you can or can't have!

Pope Francis' New Year Resolutions

...its still early enough in the year!!



Back in 2014 the Holy Father published this list but it works just as well 10 years later.

1. **DON'T GOSSIP** “When you gossip, you are doing what Judas did, and begin to tear the other person to pieces. Every time you judge another in your heart or worse when you speak badly of that person with others, you are murdering him/her. There is no such thing as innocent slander.”

2. **FINISH YOUR MEAL** “Throwing food away is like stealing from the tables of the poor and the hungry. Reflect on the problem of thrown away and wasted food to identify ways and means that, by seriously addressing this issue, you are a vehicle of solidarity and sharing with the needy.”

3. **MAKE TIME FOR OTHERS** “If the Pope can find time to be kind to others, if he can pause to say thank you, if he can take a moment make someone feel appreciated, then so can I. So can you.” -Fr James Martin

4. **CHOOSE THE MORE HUMBLE PURCHASE** “Certainly, possessions, money, and power can give a momentary thrill, the illusion of being happy, but they end up possessing you and making you always want to have more, never satisfied. Put God in your life, place your trust in Him, and you will never be disappointed.”

5. **MEET THE POOR IN THE FLESH** “Charity that does not change the situation of the poor is not enough.”

6. **STOP JUDGING OTHERS** “Let us not forget that hatred, envy, and pride defile our lives.”

7. **BEFRIEND THOSE WHO DISAGREE** “Others always have something to give you, if you know how to approach them in a spirit of openness and without prejudice.”

8. **MAKE COMMITMENTS** “I ask you to be revolutionaries, to swim against the tide. Yes, I am asking you to rebel against this culture that sees everything as temporary and that ultimately believes that you are incapable of responsibility, that you are incapable of true love.”

9. **MAKE IT A HABIT TO ASK THE LORD** “The young Samuel kept hearing the voice of the Lord who was calling him, but he did not understand or know what to say, yet with the help of the priest Eli, in the end he answered: 'Speak, Lord, for I am listening' (cf. 1 Sam 3:1-10). You too can ask the Lord: *What do you want me to do? What path am I to follow?*

10. **BE HAPPY** “Joy is a pilgrim virtue; it cannot be held at heel, it must be let go. It is a gift that walks, walks on the path of life, that walks with God. Preaching and proclaiming Him is proclaiming joy, that lengthens and widens the path.”

“When, in God’s presence, we examine our life’s journey, no areas can be off limits. In all areas of life we can continue to grow and offer something greater to God, even in those areas we find most difficult. We need, though, to ask the Holy Spirit to liberate us and expel the fear that makes us ban him from certain parts of our lives (Gaudete et Exsultate, #175).”