



CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY TO THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITIES

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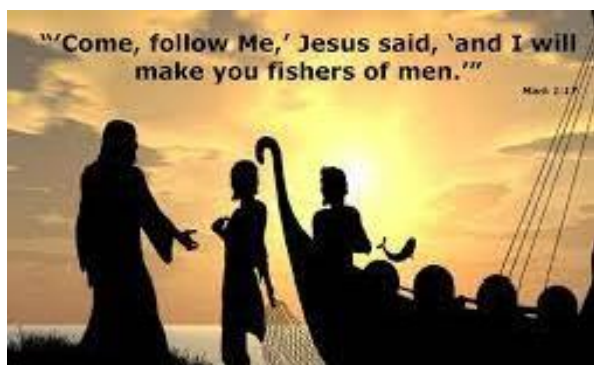
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3rd^d Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)



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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*

*events in the chaplaincy; Blackburne Place entrance

Sunday: Confession: 5.15 – 5.35pm; Mass 6pm

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.'

Pro-Life talk: on Thursday, Liz Parsons from the Archdiocese will be joining us for our shared **£1 Supper**, and afterwards giving a talk on Pro-Life issues. She has talked to us before – at that time she worked for the pro-life charity Life. It is important that we have a clear sense of the importance of pro-life issues, particularly since UoL's Guild of Students adopted a so-called "pro-choice" policy in 2019.

Next Sunday, 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. The Whitechapel Centre is the leading homeless and housing charity for the Liverpool region. We work with people who are sleeping rough, living in hostels or struggling to manage their accommodation. We 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

You can now 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.

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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!

The next stop is - Crewe!

Yes, this is about our retreat in February but! Hold on a second!

There are probably three groups of you – those of you who have already decided to come, those of you who are hesitating and some of you may have decided not to come. To the first group - don't forget to bring back the form! And for the second and third group - can I try to persuade you to re/consider saying yes?

First of all, I'd like to ask you to think about... What is it you would look forward to? What do you hope the time there would give you? What are your worries? Or what is stopping you from wanting to come? Now that you have these brought up in your mind, why not to ask someone for clarifications or some encouragement? I'm very happy to answer questions you may have, Fr Neil as well but most of all – ask those who went last year what their experience of the retreat was!

Also, you may be wondering, what 'retreat' actually means. One definition sums it up well - 'withdrawal for a period of time from one's usual surroundings and occupation'. In other words, it is a time set apart to be attentive to things otherwise difficult to notice, to have space to learn more about faith and, on top of it, it is a wonderful opportunity to deepen friendships, meet new friends and have fun together!

I must say that I'm very excited about this retreat because, believe it or not, in all those years I've been involved with the chaplaincy I never was able to go (I've been to various other retreats otherwise) so this will be my first one here with you. And I can't wait to meet the two awesome Nashville Dominican sisters I've heard so much about!

Oh and one last effort... Check out the photos from the previous years >>>

So... Have you signed up for our retreat yet? 😊

Hana

Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th February 2024

Wistaston Hall, Crewe

More information on the 1st page of the newsletter or speak to Fr Neil or Hana

