



CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY TO THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITIES

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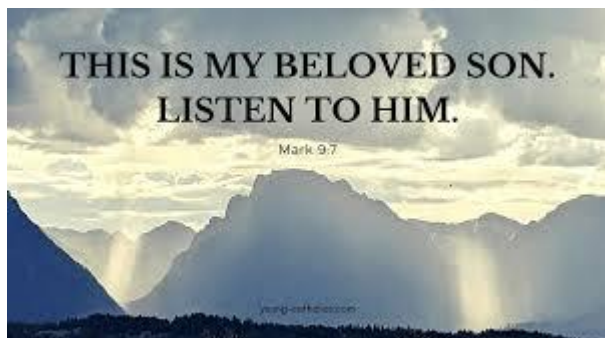
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Second Sunday of Lent (Year B)



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Events for Students and University Members:

Masses & Services This Week:

Monday: No Mass this week.

Tuesday: Morning prayer 8am, followed by breakfast; Mass 6pm *

Wednesday: 12.30pm 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

Staff & PhD Group: Wednesday 6pm in 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.

The Journey to Initiation...

In the presence of the Archbishop, Rosie and Maria were enrolled as Baptism candidates last week at the Cathedral; Chloe was presented as a Candidate for Confirmation. Thanks to all of you who were able to come to support them! It was edifying to see so many people from around the Archdiocese who are preparing for initiation.

There are several more steps in their journey. This period of the Catechumenate is a period called "Purification and Enlightenment" On the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, there are short rites for our candidates which take place during Mass called 'scrutinies'. It is not that we are scrutinising them! Rather, they are scrutinising their lives in the light of the Gospel, asking God to help them focus their lives on him more perfectly, and come to know his love more fully. There are two other minor rites, called Presentations, which will take place during the week (hopefully at 6pm Mass on 5th March, and Thursday 14th March at Adoration) when Rosie and Maria will formally make their Profession of Faith and pray the Our Father, for the first time (even though they may privately been joining in these prayers for some time.

These rites are a reminder to us that initiation into the Church is never a private affair just for the candidates alone, it is something that involves the whole family of the Church – which is us!!

An idea for Lent...Why not join the 'Holy Breakfast Club'! We meet at 8am on Tuesdays in the chaplaincy to pray Morning Prayer, then at 8.15 we have breakfast together. A great way to start the day!



By the time you are reading this, we will be either on retreat, or have just finished it! Thanks to all of you who have participated, especially our retreat givers – Sister Angela Maria and Bernadette Marie, and huge thanks also to the prayer centre at St Joseph's, Freshfield, who hosted us at short notice after a plumbing disaster at Wistaston Hall, in Crewe meant they couldn't accommodate us!

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What on Earth is the Church for??

A Presentation by Fr Neil on Tuesday 27th February at the Guild, 7pm

In this talk, followed by discussion, we will hope to explore questions about the place of tradition, how the Church engages with the world, the development of doctrine...

Some of you will recall that these are questions that engendered a good deal of interesting discussion recently on the WhatsApp CathChat group...

----- **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!

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