

## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8 October



### Monday 9 October

*Blessed John Henry Newman*

### Tuesday 10 October

1pm Mass

### Wednesday 11 October

*St Pope John XXIII*

5-6pm Holy Hour with Evening Prayer

### Thursday 12 October

No Mass today.

### Friday 13 October

*St Edward the Confessor*

### Saturday 14 October

### Sunday 15 October

5.30pm Mass, followed by refreshments

**If you need to see Fr Philip at any time, please do not hesitate to contact him on 01524 594080 or you can try him at St Joseph's parish on 01524 32493 or email [p.conner@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:p.conner@lancaster.ac.uk) – always happy to meet up if you need some help or counsel.**

**Welcome** to all the new students! If you are returning after the summer holidays, welcome back. The Catholic Chaplaincy provides a community for all the students and staff. Besides our beautiful chapel, there is a Flat upstairs where we meet for coffee and cake after Mass and for other social gatherings and meetings. The Chaplaincy Centre is used by those of other denominations and religions, and from its foundation, the Centre was meant to be a place where people of all faith and none could meet one another. Everyone is welcome to use the building as a place of meeting, relaxation, study and prayer. Feel free to look around and explore.

### Introducing the Chaplaincy Team

Fr Philip Conner is the Catholic Chaplain to the University. Upstairs there is a Catholic Flat whose warden is Clerin Joseph who is studying Medicine. She is there to welcome you and she will be able to point you in the right direction if you have any questions. You will also meet the *Catholic Society*, an association of Catholic students who will be organising various events, trips and social activities through the year, all of which will be much cheaper if you sign up to this finest of societies!

Welcome to our beautiful Chapel. Though they can be heavy to open, the doors of the Chaplaincy Centre and of our chapel are open all day long and most of the night, so if you ever need peace and quiet, you are welcome. On Sundays, please pick up a newsletter, order of service sheet (it has the words of Mass printed on it) and a hymn book for singing. Make sure that you take away your newsletter with you as it is **free** and lovingly made and it has all the week's events printed on it, and also the Readings may help you in your prayer life through the week. The fresco that you see before you was painted earlier this year by three artists, and it depicts the Transfiguration, an explanation of which you will find on your seat. Facing the front, to the right, is the Confessional (next to the Sacristy), where there is the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession, a beautiful gift of God's mercy.

In terms of the celebration of Mass, we are always in need of altar servers and musicians and singers for the choir, so please don't be afraid to get involved! On your seats today, you will also find a pen and double-sided flier which you can fill in. It is helpful to know how people would like to get involved and what sort of things you are interested in, as each year our Catholic community here changes and grows, and we want to grow together. Finally, please find 'Lancaster University Catholic Chaplaincy Centre' and 'Lancaster University Catholic Society' on Facebook, to keep up to date with all the goings-on.

**Events coming up... Coffee, tea and cake** after Mass every Sunday in the Catholic Flat. All welcome!

**Feeling Lost?** The CathSoc mentor scheme is an initiative aimed at new students. CathSoc will pair each student with one or two mentors from higher years based on academic subject and language. Mentors will be able to answer any questions about Lancaster life and support you with your work. There are still places available, so if you are interested, please speak to a CathSoc member after Mass or send a message to [catholic.society@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:catholic.society@lancaster.ac.uk)

**Voices from the Persecuted Church.** Please join the Catholic charity *Aid to the Church in Need* at the Catholic Chaplaincy, for an evening of talks given by the Bishop of Sokoto in Nigeria, Fr Salar Bodagh (Diocese of Alqosh, Iraq) and Stephen Rasche (Archdiocese of Erbil, Iraq). The talks will take place from 7.30pm-9:30pm tomorrow, Monday 9 October.

**Wednesday 11 October**, 7pm Beginning of Term Party in Catholic Flat at 7pm. **Thursday 12 October**, 8am Breakfast Club, begins in Chapel with Divine Mercy. In the evening, a Make-your-own-Pizza night at 6.30pm in Chaplaincy Café. Please email [k.cooper1@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:k.cooper1@lancaster.ac.uk) to let Kara know that you are coming to help with catering.