

## Embrace the UM community: Free Wednesday lunches at the Chaplaincy



Every Wednesday at 1:00pm all University students and staff members are invited by the [Chaplaincy](#) to come together to enjoy a free lunch. Approximately 100 students join in these gatherings, creating a friendly environment.

Although weekly meal preparation and hosting a large group of guests involves a lot of time and energy, for the Chaplaincy team members and volunteers this event is more than just serving food. As the University Chaplain [Rev. Patrick Magro](#) explains, the Wednesday lunches contribute towards fostering a sense of community and creating a space where people can connect, make new friends, and feel part of UM beyond the lecture rooms and offices.

The Chaplaincy aims to provide support through a warm welcome, spiritual support and pastoral care to UM staff and students of all faiths and none. Several other events are also organised by the Chaplaincy, from [voluntary work](#) to activities in the areas of spirituality, community and service.

This initiative aligns with the [Societal Factors and Impact](#) theme of the University of Malta's [Strategic Plan 2020-2025](#). Through these gatherings, the Chaplaincy contributes to promoting inclusivity, enhancing the university experience and creating a supportive social environment within the academic landscape.

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