

**CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY
to UNIVERSITY OF BATH
& BATH SPA UNIVERSITY**
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Times of Holy Mass & Services
FEAST OF THE
BAPTISM OF THE LORD
13th January 2008 (Year B)

Sundav Mass: Holy Mass every Sunday at Bath University Ecumenical Chaplaincy Centre at 12 noon

WELCOME BACK!

Bienvenu – Bienvenido –

Wilkommen – Benvenuto – Welcome

The ESBVM will hold An Ecumenical Service of Prayer at **BATH ABBEY** in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Wednesday 23rd Jan **at 7.15pm (good idea to be seated by 7.00pm).** **FR MICHAEL SEED, SA** will be preaching at this important Ecumenical gathering when the Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of which Fr.Bill is the Hon Gen Secretary, marks the 100th Anniversary of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with the Ecumenical Office of Evening Prayer in honour of the Blessed Virgin. An ecumenical Youth choir is being formed for this occasion – if any students could join the singers, let Fr.Bill OSM know. All are welcome to be present to foster understanding of the proper place of the Blessed Virgin Mary under Christ in Ecumenism in this act of prayer. Refreshments will follow in the Catholic Chaplaincy Centre, South Parade.

The Next W/e Catholic Chaplaincy / Cathsoc Retreat at Nympsfield 15th – 17th February 2008. Note it in your diary & keep free. Superb w/e planned and a great time promised.

Taizé Prayer around the Cross.

on Thursday 17TH JAN at 6.30pm In Ecumenical Chaplaincy Centre at University of Bath Campus. All welcome.

SACRAMENT of Confession & Reconciliation (by arrangement at any mutually convenient time with Fr.Bill or see times in Catholic churches in Bath listed in the Catholic Chaplaincy Flyer).

Crib Exhibition: To help with the Week of Prayer in this Centenary Year St Peter & Paul Parish enters the 7th year of its tradition by once again holding an Exhibition of Cribs on 24th Jan. Though the Cribs came down for many on the Epiphany/12th Night, please bring your crib – however big or small and even if you have shown it before - to be part of the display for all to see as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All welcome & urged if possible to please bring a crib [12noon to 3.00pm Wednesday 23rd Jan] for setting up in the display. The display can be seen on Thursday after morning Holy Mass from 11am until 1.00pm and then from 2.30pm 6.30pm.

VOLUNTEERS TO HELP RECEIVE YOUR CRIBS & SET UP THE EXHIBITION would be welcome from 12 noon to 3.00pm on Wed 23rd Jan and to supervise the exhibition on Thursday 24th Jan 11.00-13.00 & 14.30-18.30? See Sue D, Alison K, Paula B or Jane E.

YOU MAY BE LOOKING FOR STUDENT ACCOMMODATION FOR SEPT 2007-2008. A SUITABLE CENTRAL BATH 2 BEDROOM + SHOWER ROOM FLAT WITH DINING/KITCHEN/LIVING ROOM IS AVAILABLE TO SUITABLE PARTIES: DETAILS FROM FR.BILL, OSM ASAP.

Keep enjoying the good things, don't forget the good values that guide your life and be a friend to others here. Take the good advice of so many to keep happy and safe by being with other good people and look out for one another especially over the coming weeks of pressure in revising and exams! Let your light shine forth and do not always look for a reward for what you do here! Stand for your own Catholic values and don't be too easily swayed in the wrong way by others. If anyone seems in need of a friendly word then give it or at least draw attention to someone who might be able to give them a little encouragement.

Altar Servers, Musicians, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers

Please let Fr.Bill know of willingness to help with these ways of assisting with the Liturgy. You may have been ministering elsewhere already or may like to be trained or even retrained to serve in these ways.

All are always welcome to help prepare the music and arrangements for the following Sunday's Liturgy.

Whether here at Holy Mass for the first time or returning after time away, please always know we are very glad to have you with us!

Sacrament of Confirmation

Preparation for future celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in February after the dust of the exams has settled. Let Fr.Bill know if you would like to prepare or even refresh your understanding of step in your life.

You, the already confirmed but not so sure of your faith might like to take part in discussion groups and reflecting on Faith groups including the Cathsoc regular meeting and at the same time help others in **RCIA?** No, not the_YMCA!!!! If you don't know what RCIA is, find out from Fr.Bill!

RCIA will continue with the **RCIA Team** at St Peter & Paul on Wed 16th Jan at 7.30pm along with new 'Enquirers'. **Encourage new enquirers & those recently received to take part.** This is the responsibility of the whole Catholic Community in Bath and not just those who lead the RCIA. Let us all pray for those who might one day join the Community of Catholic Faith with us in communion with our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. Feel welcome to join us when you like but please let Fr.Bill know or speak with him before coming along.

THE ROSARY FOR PEACE ON FRIDAYS IN ECUMENICAL CHAPLAINCY CENTRE @ 13.15pm People can meet in the Prayer Corner with whoever can manage to come. The Rosary is easy to use - explanatory cards on the prayer table. **THE ROSARY LASTS FOR 15 MINS – ALL WELCOME.** This CAN BE a lay-led prayer and can happen whether Fr.Bill is present or not. Even if you can't come every week drop in sometimes. It is a very simple witness to OUR FAITH AND CAN BE VERY APOSTOLIC. Its power as prayer for others and especially for Peace is well known .

O Lord my God Teach my heart where and how to seek you, where and how to find you.

Teach me to seek you, and as I seek you, show yourself to me, for I cannot seek you unless you show me how, and I will never find you unless you show yourself to me.

Let me seek you by desiring you, and desire you by seeking you; let me find you by loving you, and love you in finding you.

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Fr.Bill OSM always tries to be in the Ecumenical Chaplaincy Office at Bath Campus at agreed times, if you need a private word, the Sacrament of Confession or just a chat, and at Bath Spa University Newton Park Campus on Wednesdays between 1-2 pm again at agreed times. He can, of course, be contacted at other times on e-mail catholicchaplain@bath.ac.uk and phone 01225.832096 (best time between 8-9 am most days).

CATHSOC COMMITTEES OF UNIVERSITY OF BATH (contact Jon Wagner) & BATH SPA UNIVERSITY (Contact Rosie Campblee) – ALWAYS LIKE TO HEAR FROM CURRENT AND NEW MEMBERS WITH YOUR IDEAS AND OFFERS OF HELP. Help others to know that we are here by bringing them along with you and letting them know of the websites.

We may have great committees but it has to be said the committee is only as good as the support it receives from the membership, so don't just wait for things to happen – get involved, please!

EASTER IN JANUARY?????

Student Cross 2008– Friday 14th March - Easter Sunday 23rd March www.studentcross.org.uk

As we pass into a New Year, one terrible thing stays the same. The relentless killing of the unborn. What a judgment awaits our generation because of this. But just like Mary at the foot of the Cross, we can hope, against hope, that a new day will dawn.

A voice in Rama was heard, lamentation and great mourning; Rachel bewailing her children, she would not be comforted, because they are not. [Matthew 2:18]

The late Archbishop Fulton J Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying that one particular but unknown child's life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live.

During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God but in the world to come, you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers.

Say this prayer every day for nine months to save a baby's life:

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to pray for the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion."

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world."
Pope John Paul II [The Gospel of Life]



[At 10 weeks of pregnancy
- unborn baby's feet.]

**REMEMBERING SICK AND
INFIRM FRIENDS**

We pray for all the sick known to us, especially among the community of the University and for those who care for them.

Catholic Students and Friends are welcome to help with the SOUP RUN to people living on the streets in Bath: Next session Friday 1st Feb. at 3pm in the Sacristy of the church, parishioners at Sts. Peter & Paul, Combe Down meet as a group to prepare sandwiches and these are taken down in the evening to Bath for the Homeless. If you'd like to help just meet in the Sacristy at 112 Entry Hill. No.13 Bus from Royal Hotel near Railway Station. Other churches of Bath take turns at this task and you can help whenever and wherever you find it convenient. Further info from fr.Bill,OSM.

Please fill in the Catholic Chaplaincy Form – helps very much in keeping contact with students

both in Cathsoc and those not.

Print e-mail very clearly, please, or even better send an e-mail to him on :

catholicchaplain@bath.ac.uk
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When you move on, go on placement, or are ill please let Father Bill know and don't just disappear from view!

EASTER IN ADVENT??????

Student Cross 2008– Friday 14th March - Easter Sunday 23rd March (Holy Week & Easter) "It's a vibrant and meaningful way to spend Easter".

Walk to Walsingham in Norfolk with the Student Cross pilgrimage to celebrate Easter with many young people. Want an interesting change from the usual Holy Week services? Need a break from thinking about exams?. The Oxford Leg group of Student Cross. **Contact:**www.studentcross.org.uk

Constant need to deepen our reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist. However you decide to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion do so with clear reverence. If you receive the Body of Christ in the hand, make sure to form a little throne with the palm of your hand in which to receive and consume the host before leaving the priest or minister. Do not take the host from the priest or minister merely with your fingers. Please, never wear gloves when presenting your hand to receive or fail to have clean hands. When receiving from the chalice, take a firm hold of the chalice by the stem. Whether we receive only the host or from the chalice, one receives Our Risen Lord, whole and entire – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. To drink from the chalice is the fullness of the sign – take and drink! If you have some reason for not drinking from the chalice, do not be anxious but know you have received Our Lord fully in the Sacrament. Vocabulary influences the way we think, and so it is a good idea to refer to receiving the “Host” or “Body of Christ” and the “Precious Blood” from the chalice. At that point it is, as we all know, no longer merely bread and wine, but the true Body and Blood of Christ.

S.V.P.Soc (Society of St.Vincent de Paul) is doing good work. The President is is Matt Bewer . All welcome to find out more about this apostolic group that helps those in need.

Prayer for Peace

Christ, why do you allow wars and massacres on earth? By what mysterious judgment do you allow innocent people to be cruelly slaughtered? I cannot know. I can only find assurance in the promise that your people will find peace in

heaven where no one makes war. As gold is purified by fire, so you purify souls by bodily tribulations, making them ready to be received above the stars in your heavenly home.

Alcuin of York (c.AD 735-804)

Don't forget the good values that guide your life and be a friend to others. Over the remainder of the summer and always as we pass through Life, think of helping others & try to take the good advice to keep happy and safe by being with other good people and helping all you can! Let your light shine forth and do not always look for a reward for what you do here! Stand for your own Catholic values and don't be too easily swayed in the wrong way by others.