

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY
to UNIVERSITY OF BATH
& BATH SPA UNIVERSITY

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Times of Holy Mass & Services
3rd SUNDAY

OF ORDINARY TIME
HOLOCAUST SUNDAY /
HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY
27th January 2008 (Year A)

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

**Worry is the darkroom
in which negatives can
develop!**

**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. £5 deposit requested
asap. Total cost –
accom/food/transport £30.00p,

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).

**IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR
STUDENT ACCOMMODATION
FOR SEPT 2008-2009. 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.**

**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!*

RCIA continues at Ss Peter & Paul with the **RCIA
Team** on Wed 30TH JAN at 7.30pm **Encourage
new enquirers & those recently
received AND EVEN 'RUSTY'**

Catholics to take part. 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.

**Be fishers of men - you catch them
and God will clean them.**

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).

Next w/e at the end of Holy Mass, those who wish to
have the St.Blaise blessing of the throat may come to
the altar and have this lovely blessing from the priest.

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

A VIGIL of Peace will be held at Bath
Campus AS ANNOUNCED outside the Library on
the Parade at University of Bath Claverton Down
Campus.

'Vigil for Peace' following on from the
celebration of Peace Sunday celebrated
internationally by Catholics on Sunday 20
January when the Pope's World Peace Message
for 2008 was published, which annually invites
Catholics to join with people of other faiths and
none to come together to witness to peace.

Readings from poetry and prose, singing of
various kinds of peace music throughout the
vigils, moments of silence, creation of a peace
wall, praying the Rosary for Peace and making
of paper sakado cranes of peace, candles and
presentation of symbols of peace are all part of
the plan to sustain prayer and reflection on
peace are all ways of marking the need of peace.
Perhaps you have ideas that will make a
difference.

Father Bill says: "There is really small need to
remind ourselves of the terrible plight so many
people around the world suffer because of the
lack of peace and justice. Even the natural
catastrophes bring home to us the dreadful
divisions between human beings of which we
might have ceased to be aware in so many
places or simply preferred not to see. For peace
to flourish we must make a simple start in our
own hearts and learn to trust those who share
our earth with us. We must long for peace!"

At the vigil we hope to advance and pray for our core
values of non-violence, reconciliation and peace. All
are welcome to join us for whatever moments they
find it possible to be present during the Vigils. Just
come along as and when you can! "

Further information from
catholicchaplain@bath.ac.uk
and catholicchaplain@bathspa.ac.uk

**THE ROSARY FOR PEACE ON FRIDAYS
USUALLY 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 .

EASTER IN JANUARY?????

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

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)

**The last chance for the House of Lords to stop the
Human Fertilisation and Embryology bill is
currently scheduled for Monday 4 February.**

Peers will be debating the use of human embryos in
experiments. The Bill seeks, among other things, to:

- extend the creation of embryonic children in the
laboratory ('test-tube babies')
- allow embryonic children to be abused and
killed for a wider range of research purposes
- Permit the creation of human-animal hybrid
embryos.
- Over recent weeks, the Government and
supporters of embryo research have blocked all
substantial efforts to lessen the evils of the Bill
during its passage through the Lords. Although it is
unlikely that pro-life Lords will defeat the Bill, a
strong vote against it now will help and encourage
MPs to oppose the Bill when it goes to the House of
Commons - probably in mid-February. Many people
wrote to the Lords in November asking them to
oppose the bill at second reading - this had great
impact and helped encourage pro-life peers in their
opposition to the bill.
- Please write to one or more Lords as soon as
possible, urging them to move for a vote against the
Bill. You can contact peers from our page of
parliamentarians' email addresses:
<http://www.spuc.org.uk/lobbying/email/Yo>
u are free to write to any Lord(s) you wish. Please
write to one or more - as many as you can The most
important thing is to contact them soon, and to urge
them to vote against the bill at third reading.

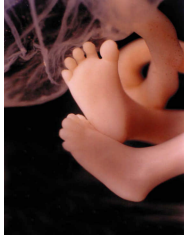
The late Archbishop Fulton J Sheen encouraged the
spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done
by praying that one particular but unknown child's
life be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to
live.

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.]*

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!

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.

CATHSOC COMMITTEES OF UNIVERSITY OF BATH (contact Jon Wagner) & BATH SPA UNIVERSITY (Contact Rosie Campbell) – 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!

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 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? Contact the Oxford Leg group of Student Cross. **Contact details:**
oxford-leg@studentcross.org.uk
<http://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.

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