

**CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY
to UNIVERSITY OF BATH
& BATH SPA UNIVERSITY**
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**Times of Holy Mass & Services
FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME
3RD FEBRUARY 2008 (Year A)**

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

Ash Wednesday THIS WEDNESDAY (6th Feb) A DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE Anyone between the age of 18 & 59 yrs. is obliged to fast and eat only the equivalent of one simple meal + 2 collations (this means having 2 small snacks). Eating between meals should not happen, but liquids, including milk & juices are allowed. Anyone over the age of 14 must abstain from eating meat. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. **Holy Mass with Blessing & Distribution of Ashes AT Bath Campus 6th Feb at 13.20 & Bath spa blessed ashes distributed at 16.00 in the Ecumenical Chaplaincy Centre** & at 9.30am and 7.15pm at ss.peter & paul and at the other Catholic churches around Bath Please consult www.bath-catholics.org.uk for times

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).

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTIES!
The annual Deanery Pancake Party will take place at St Alphege's Hall on Tuesday, 5th February from 7.30 until 9.30 pm. Magician, Bar, Raffle & Pancakes Galore! Tickets: Family, £7; Adult, £2.50; Child, £1.50. Proceeds to Cafod.

Cathsoc will hold A SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY at the Catholic Chaplaincy Centre in Bath 5th February on at 7.00pm

CATHSOC 7TH FEB 6.30PM : Fr.Nick King, SJ Tutor in New Testament at Campion Hall, Oxford. **'On Englishing the Bible - thoughts on translating the Scriptures: a tribute to Mgr. Ronald Knox.'** The 120th anniversary of the birth of Mgr. Knox (February 17, 1888-August 24, 1957), who was Catholic Chaplain at Oxford and is buried in the churchyard of St Andrew's Church, Mells not far from Bath calls to mind his contribution to putting the Word of God into English with his translation of the Vulgat. Fr. King's own recent publication of a new translation from the Greek of the New Testament makes him an interesting speaker on Modern English Bible translations from Knox to his own.



Happy
Chinese
New Year
to all our

Chinese friends!

Thursday 7 February marks the beginning of the Chinese Year of the Rat

The Next W/ECatholic 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.

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

Beginning of The Holy Season of Lent in preparation for Easter: The ashes many of us receive on Ash Wednesday come from the burning of last year's blessed palms from Palm Sunday and remind us how quickly glory and praise due to God can be forgotten. Lent is a time to review our lives and perhaps make some fresh starts:-

- On Fridays of Lent doing penance by abstinence and other efforts and giving Lenten Alms for distribution by the Bishop or to some favourite charity as a result of our sacrifices and penances.

- **By making the Stations of the Cross** privately or in common– Groups of parishioners might like to plan occasions that suit them in the timing and style and let us all know **when** in advance through the bulletin. The guide picture stations are available with prayer cards.
- **Helping with the Soup Run** Preparations on 7th March @ Ss.Peter & Paul sacristy, Combe Down or in distribution a @ Walcot St around 7.00pm.
- **Adoration of Blessed Sacrament held at announced times on campus or by visiting one of the Catholic churches in Bath.**
- **Sharing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) after Holy Mass or by agreement with Fr.Bill,OSM**
- Visiting the elderly or the housebound with SVPSoc

A VIGIL of Peace will be held at Bath Campus Friday 8th Feb 12noon- 2.00pm outside the Library on the Parade at University of Bath Claverton Down Campus. Free hot drinks will be available.

The 'Vigil for Peace' follows on from the celebration of **40th anniversary (1968-2008) of the celebration of the first World Day of Peace** celebrated internationally by Catholics on Sunday 20 January when the Pope's World Peace Message for 2008 'THE HUMAN FAMILY, A COMMUNITY OF PEACE' was published, which invited 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.

The Holy Father says: "In the light of these significant anniversaries, I invite every man and woman to have a more lively sense of belonging to the one human family, and to strive to make human coexistence increasingly reflect this conviction, which is essential for the establishment of true and lasting peace. I likewise invite believers to implore tirelessly from God the great gift of peace. Christians, for their part, know that they can trust in the intercession of Mary, who, as the Mother of the Son of God made flesh for the salvation of all humanity, is our common Mother."

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 STATIONS OF THE CROSS

THE ROSARY For Peace goes on hold on Fridays during Lent & INSTEAD we hold THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN ECUMENICAL CHAPLAINCY CENTRE at same time of 1.15pm. People can meet in the Prayer Corner with whoever can manage to come. Like The Rosary - explanatory cards on the prayer table. The Stations of the Cross last FOR 15-20 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. Numbers present do not matter BUIT BETTER IF WE HAVE 14 AT LEAST. It is a very simple witness to OUR FAITH AND CAN BE VERY APOSTOLIC. **The devotion is Franciscan in origin and if 14 participants are present each one can hold a Station picture in the circle in the Chaplaincy Room and lead the prayer for that Station. Otherwise the station picture is simply changed and displayed for all to see in the Prayer Corner**

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).

EASTER IS ONLY 7 WEEKS AWAY!!!!
Student Cross 2008– Friday 14th March - Easter Sunday 23rd March www.studentcross.org.uk

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