

**CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY
to UNIVERSITY OF BATH
& BATH SPA UNIVERSITY**

**Served from Parish of
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**Times of Holy Mass & Services
FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY
TIME
10TH FEBRUARY 2008 (Year A)**

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

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).

CATHSOC 14TH FEB 6.30pm : Valentine's Night with a difference! Cathsoc **Talk** by Maria Ursi Amesbury (Foreign Language Centre of the University of Bath) A presentation (video 29 minutes) and conversation about a trip made last September to Lusaka, Zambia, to visit the Papal Nuncio Mons Girasoli to look at the many projects supported by The Catholic Church including 'THE CITY OF HOPE' Date: Thursday 14th Feb 2008 (St.Valentine's Day) (Enjoy some Italian Food + a glass wine : Please let Fr.Bill know by Wednesday morning if you want to share in the food to help with catering) Time: 6.30pm Venue: Ecumenical Chaplaincy centre

Sunday 24th Feb S.V.P.Soc will be helping make a promotion video here for the National Society of St.Vincent de Paul . We will be welcoming Faith & Light friends with learning difficulties to Holy Mass and we hope to have refreshments to follow..

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!

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.

STANDING AT HOLY MASS:

The Roman Missal permits kneeling and standing at the Eucharistic Prayer or Canon of the Mass. However, it is the custom in England to kneel to express our reverence for the Eucharist and so unless you have some physical difficulty it is a case of "when in Rome, do as the Romans!" .If you do insist on standing, however, , please locate yourself where you will not obstruct the view of another or present a problem for them. We never sit during the Eucharistic Prayer unless ill or infirm. Thanks.

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: Lent is a time to review our lives and perhaps make some fresh starts. Some ways to help might be :-

- 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 students gather every Friday @ 13.15 in the Ecumenical Chaplaincy Centre to hold the Stations with Fr.Bill OSM. 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

VIGIL of Peace congrats to Maria, Paschal and Brian for manning the Peace Stall last Friday. Thanks to Damien & Anne-Laure for practical help and to all who came and there were many!

**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.

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 Ecumenical 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 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).

BATH SPA SU IS HOLDING A RE-FRESHERS FAYRE ON WED 13TH FEB FROM 10.00AM UNTIL 2.00PM. IT WOULD BE A GOOD CHANCE TO STRENGTHEN CATHSOC AT BSU.

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! **We will soon be looking for good successors to the current office holders.** Start thinking about it please and approach likely candidates to see how they feel or maybe you could even ask YOURSELF to take on a role!

Sacrament of Confirmation

Preparations for future celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation are happening. 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! Let Fr.Bill know if you would like to prepare or even refresh your understanding.

RCIA will continue with the **RCIA Team** at Ss Peter & Paul on & Wed 13th Feb 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.

"There were four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody couldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody, when Nobody did what Anybody could have done."

That should be clear then!

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 if you are ill please let Father Bill know and don't just disappear from view!

REMEMBERING SICK & 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.

EASTER IS ONLY 6 WEEKS AWAY!!!!
Student Cross 2008– Friday 14th March - Easter Sunday 23rd March www.studentcross.org.uk