

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

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**Times of Holy Mass & Services  
EASTER SUNDAY  
23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2008 (Year A)**

**Sunday Mass:** No Holy Mass on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
at Bath University Ecumenical Chaplaincy Centre at  
12 noon

**Clocks go FORWARD 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**FR.BILL, OSM WISHES  
A HAPPY & HOLY EASTER  
TO YOU ALL AND ASKS THAT  
OUR LADY'S EASTER JOY AT THE  
RISING OF HER SON MAY BE  
SHARED BY EVERYONE.**

**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).

**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.**

**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!***

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.

**ST.ANSELM, Prosligion**

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.

**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.**

**An Appeal From Fr.Gerard Wilberforce:**  
I am writing as the great great grandson of  
William Wilberforce, who campaigned vigorously  
for the ending of the transatlantic slave trade in  
1807, which ultimately paved the way for the  
abolition of slavery itself throughout the entire  
British Empire in 1833.

I am often asked what would be the campaigns  
Wilberforce would be fighting if he were alive in  
21st century Britain. I believe that there would be  
a number of different issues - among them  
human trafficking and the scourge of drugs. But

almost certainly at the top of the list, would be the  
issue of abortion.

As the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill  
comes before Parliament over the next few  
weeks, the opportunity presents itself to amend  
the abortion Act. With the number of abortions  
having reached 200,000 per year in the UK  
alone, the time is right to tighten up the law that  
was designed to protect women by ending illegal  
abortion, but never to allow such a high degree of  
deprived life.

There are great similarities between the status of  
the foetus and the status of African slaves two  
centuries ago. Slaves were considered a  
commodity to do with whatever the vested  
interests of the day decided. Today, in our desire  
to play God in our embryology experimentation,  
with all its' unfulfilled promises of miracle cures,  
and our decision to abort unwanted children, we  
are no better than those slave traders who put  
their interests and world view higher than they  
placed the sanctity and value of human life.

Most people at the time didn't believe the evil of  
slavery could ever be defeated, as so much of  
the economy at the time was dependent on the  
trade. It's easy for us to think that is the case  
today with abortion, but I believe William  
Wilberforce would not take such a view.

Whilst our hearts go out to those who have  
chosen abortion, there should now be much  
greater emphasis on the alternatives that exist.  
Many of us would like to see far more support  
those who have made such a significant and  
difficult decision - but whilst we recognise the  
trauma many women have gone through, we also  
have a duty to 'Speak up for those who cannot  
speak for themselves' (Proverbs 31).

The Psalmist says 'My frame was not hidden  
from you when I was made in the secret place.'  
With abortions in the UK reaching 600 a day, it  
seems to me that the 'secret place', is one of the  
most dangerous places to be in modern day  
Britain.

As with my great ancestor, the battle took many  
years, even decades. But now, with the passage  
of time we look back in horror at how we  
devalued human life. I truly believe we will look  
back in years to come, repent and ask  
forgiveness for what we let happen to the unborn  
child.

There is something deeply depressing about a  
society in which abortion is so easy, yet  
alternatives such as adoption are made to  
appear so difficult.

To find out how you can oppose the Human  
Fertilisation Bill visit the Passion For Life web  
site: [passionforlife.org.uk](http://passionforlife.org.uk).

**Catholic Students and Friends are welcome to help  
with the SOUP RUN to people living on the streets  
in Bath:** Next session Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. 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 :**  
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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!**

**Schools Vouchers** from the various supermarkets  
and stores: Please **ask** for these and save them to  
bring to the box in the porch for St.John's Catholic  
Primary School and St.Gregory's Catholic College.

**Used Stamps for the Missions please put  
them** in the box provided and ensure that you tear off  
a sizable good corner of envelope around the stamp.  
Do not cut close to the stamp or it means they lose  
value.

**The Next International Student  
Mass' will be held on Pentecost  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2008.** Try to join  
us for that & Help with the Music  
(Prayer & Style from all over the  
Catholic World) followed by 'Bring and  
Share' International Buffet Lunch  
organised by Cathsoc and everyone  
who can bring something.

**World Youth Day takes place in  
Sydney Australia in July 2008. There  
will be a Clifton Diocesan WYD  
event on 19<sup>th</sup> July. No details of  
venue as yet. More information later.**