

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY
to UNIVERSITY OF BATH
& BATH SPA UNIVERSITY

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Times of Holy Mass & Services
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
6TH APRIL 2008 (Year A)

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

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!

IF YOU ARE STILL LOOKING FOR STUDENT ACCOMMODATION FOR SEPT 2008-2009 OR POSSIBLY EARLIER FROM JUNE, THERE IS A CENTRAL BATH 2 BEDROOM + SHOWER ROOM FLAT WITH DINING/KITCHEN/LIVING ROOM AVAILABLE TO SUITABLE PARTIES: DETAILS FROM FR.BILL, OSM ASAP.

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).

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. In This 150th anniversary year of the apparitions of Our Lady at Lourdes let us ask for healing for all those suffering illness and blessings on those who help the sick.

**Don't forget the University of Bath
Cathsoc AGM & Election of the new
Committee on Thursday 10th April @
6.30pm. There is no S, CCESS without U!**

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!

**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 Next International
Student Mass' will be held on
Pentecost Sunday 11th 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 however small but of your or country's tradition.

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

Some of you have asked me for info about the *Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill* and this website seems very helpful to have a look at <http://www.passionforlife.org.uk/videos>

THE ROSARY FOR PEACE resumes on Friday 11th April and on following FRIDAYS IN ECUMENICAL CHAPLAINCY CENTRE @ 13.20pm 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.

Please collect Used Stamps for the Missions and bring on Sundays. 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.

'Films, Fun, & Faith Nights' on Sundays [after the 6.30-pm Holy Mass @ St.John's] in the Catholic Chaplaincy Centre in Bath @ 7.30pm Students & friends from across the city gather to watch films of Catholic and wider interest and it's a great way to unwind at the end of a tiring week with a little relaxation & conversation. **On 13th April Al Gore's 'An Inconvenient Truth'** about current concerns on global warming is claimed as a 'must see' documentary among intended showings and with the coming Olympics on our mind, **'Chariots of Fire'** seems a good choice for 18th May. Bring & Share refreshments. To find out the latest information on what films are showing, take a look at website – www.bath-catholics.org

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).

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

Sacrament of Confirmation

Let Fr.Bill know if you would like to prepare or even refresh your understanding of the step of Confirmation 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? Find out from Fr.Bill!

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.

Catholicism and the Natural World Sunday 6th April at 7.30 pm Free and Open to all. A Sound of Many Waters event is being held in Clifton Cathedral when Bishop Declan, the Bishop with responsibility for the environment for the Catholic Church in England and Wales, joins Mary Colwell for an illustrated talk. Mary is a Clifton Cathedral parishioner and award-winning BBC natural history TV and radio producer.

When praying, don't give God instructions – just report for duty.

**COLLECT THE LATEST
CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY FLYER FOR
LATEST ON TALKS & EVENTS BEING
OFFERED THIS TERM.**

RCIA: Encourage new student enquirers to take part with recently received and even 'rusty' Catholics. 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. **RCIA** will continue with our **RCIA Team** on Wed 9TH April at 7.30pm along with new 'Enquirers'. Feel welcome to join us when you like. Please let Fr.Bill know or speak with him before coming along.

Catholic Students and Friends are welcome to help with the SOUP RUN to people living on the streets in Bath: Next session Friday 4th 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.

COURT SETS ATHEIST HOLIDAY

In Florida, an atheist became incensed over the preparation of Easter and Passover holidays He decided to contact his lawyer about the discrimination inflicted on atheists by the constant celebrations afforded to Christians and Jews with all their holidays while atheists had no holiday to celebrate.

The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the long passionate presentation by the lawyer, the Judge banged his gavel and declared, 'Case dismissed!'

The lawyer immediately stood and objected to the ruling and said, 'Your honour, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and many other observances. Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah...yet my client and all other atheists have no such holiday!'

The judge leaned forward in his chair and simply said, 'Obviously your client is too confused to even know about, much less celebrate his own atheists' holiday!' The lawyer pompously said, 'Your Honour, we are unaware of any such holiday for atheists. Just when might that holiday be, your Honour?'

The judge said, 'Well it comes every year on exactly the same date---April 1st! Since our calendar sets April 1st as 'April Fool's Day,' consider that Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, in my opinion, if your client says there is no God, then by scripture, he is a fool, and April 1st is his holiday! Now have a good day and get out of my courtroom!'

**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!**