

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

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**Times of Holy Mass & Services  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2008 (Year A)**

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

**Today Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April is the World  
Day of Prayer for Vocations**

when we pray for an increased response to God's call to the religious life and priesthood. To promote vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese a series of three conversations are available on [www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com). They will also be published on YouTube. Each 'Vocation Conversations' video is with a seminarian at a different stage of formation. They will be released on the news section of [www.cliftondiocese.com](http://www.cliftondiocese.com) to which you are invited to listen. They tell the story of three men seeking to discern and answer God's call to priesthood in the Clifton Diocese. Have a look at the display here too. "Our need for priests is great and the cost of formation considerable. Please continue to be generous." Diocesan Vocations' Contact: Father Robert King, 0117 914 0003 [robert.king@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:robert.king@cliftondiocese.com).

*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!*

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

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).

**Congrats to those newly elected James (President elect) Tina (Treasurer elect) & Jude (Secretary elect) to the Cathsoc Committee on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April. They will take up office later in the term**

**'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. Tonight 13th April Al Gore's 'An Inconvenient Truth' about current concerns on global warming is claimed as a 'must see' documentary is the intended showing. With the coming Olympics on our mind and the curious behaviour surrounding it this week making us ask what exactly is the Olympic ideal all about, 'Chariots of Fire' seems a good thought provoker 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](http://www.bath-catholics.org)

**CATHSOC COMMITTEES OF UNIVERSITY OF BATH & BATH SPA UNIVERSITY- 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!

***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 19<sup>th</sup> July at St.Bede's Weston. More information later.

**THE ROSARY FOR PEACE resumed on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April and takes place on 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.

**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](mailto: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)** continues doing good work . The President is Matt Bewer. All welcome to find out more about this apostolic group that helps those in need.

**THOUGH PRIESTS ARE TO PREACH ABOUT CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS IN THIS SEASON THERE MAY BE PITFALLS!**

Asenior priest needing to speak to a younger priest was heard to say: "It seems a very good idea to replace the first four pews with plush bucket theatre seats. It should work like a charm so that the front of the church will always fill first. And I am sure you are right that a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, so I support you in your plan to introduce a rock 'n roll gospel choir. That should pack them in, but while I am open to the new ideas of youth, I'm afraid you've gone too far with the plan to have a drive-through confessional even if confessions and donations might be doubled. By the way that flashing neon sign 'TOOT 'N TELL OR GO TO HELL' just can't stay on the church roof!"

**Why not just come to the Sacrament quietly at your own convenience!** It will be a grace for you! The Catechism of the Catholic Church shows The Precepts of the Church guiding us as to the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer & moral

effort. (2041/2) and lists as the 2<sup>nd</sup> precept that 'You shall CONFESS YOUR SINS AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR' which ensure preparation for the Eucharist by continuing the work of conversion & forgiveness.

**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 Fr.Bill very much in keeping pastoral 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!**

**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 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Each year there are awards to students** who have been involved in off campus work for others. Catholic Students from our ranks have been nominated in previous years and even won the awards. Have a chat with one another and put forward your candidate and support them. This is a good way of letting the light shine forth that the Gospel inspires!

<http://www.bathstudent.com/news/article/Eric-Snook-Community-Prize/>

<http://www.bathstudent.com/news/article/The-Off-Campus-Prize/>

**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.

### **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!

**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 have a break this week. Feel welcome to think of joining us when you like. Please let Fr.Bill know or speak with him before coming along.

### **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.