

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

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**Times of Holy Mass & Services  
ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
MAY IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY  
4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008 (Year A)**

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

**The Solemnity of the Ascension** is celebrated today. On Thursday we began the Novena of Prayer to the Holy Spirit for Pentecost as a time of prayer to the Holy Spirit to help preparations for the coming exams and to help us in all we are trying to do.

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.

*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!*

**EASTER DUTIES BY TRINITY  
SUNDAY WITH THE SACRAMENT of  
Confession & Reconciliation** (by arrangement at any mutually convenient time ON Campus with Fr.Bill or see times in Catholic churches in Bath listed in the Catholic Chaplaincy Flyer). There are chances galore of Confession opportunities in Bath. Sat 10.15am @ Ss Peter & Paul.

**IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THE  
CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY SUMMER  
RECEPTION INVITATION for 15<sup>th</sup> MAY  
WITH YOUR NAME ON IT, IT MUST BE  
Fr.Bill DOES NOT HAVE YOUR  
POSTAL ADDRESS.**

**SEND ME DETAILS VIA E.MAIL ASAP!**

*Graduations: Some of you have been asking whether Fr.Bill will make it to your session at the Graduations in June. Please drop him an e-mail to say at which session you will graduate. He may not manage to get to all, but will do his best along with other duties!*

**The 15th International Student Mass for Pentecost next Sunday** 11th May 2008 at 12.15 in the Ecumenical Chaplaincy Centre, Bath Campus with Fr.Bill OSM and concelebrants will take place in many languages, but with a difference!. Music from many lands! The readings, hymns and prayers for the needs of the whole world and the Church will be offered by students in a wide range of languages. The 'Hail Mary' prayer at the International Mass now runs to 60 languages! A 'Bring and Share' International Buffet usually follows with tasty foods from many places and with different styles of cooking organised by Cathsoc and everyone who can bring something however small but of your or country's tradition. Try to join us & help with music and food, please!

**'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. 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)

**The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill** will be debated by Members of Parliament imminently. It is designed to increase experiments on vulnerable human embryos. It will also extend experiments such as making cloned embryos and animal-human hybrids. In addition, a child's need for a father will not be recognised for test-tube babies under this bill. Within the same bill, pro-abortion MPs want to widen the law on abortion. Please phone your MP at the House of Commons on 020 7219 3000 to ask him/her to vote against this bill. For a detailed briefing "Lobbying your MP on the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill" contact SPUC on 020 7091 7091 or email [lizfoody@spuc.org.uk](mailto:lizfoody@spuc.org.uk) John Smeaton, SPUC national director ☎ 020 7091 7091

*While I know you are very busy, we are encouraged to get out leafleting on the high street. Could some volunteers accompany Gail ☎ 833224 Sat 10th.May 11.00-13.00pm They do not need to speak about the issue, just place the leaflets in peoples hands. Do your best to help.*

**THE ROSARY FOR PEACE 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.

**CELEBRATION for PENTECOST:** Faith and Light with the Catholic Fellowship: 3pm Mass in St John's on Sunday, 11th May followed by a Fiesta in the Hall. Everyone welcome!

**Fr.Bill OSM** is 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).

**CATHSOC COMMITTEES OF UNIVERSITY OF BATH (contact new Cathsoc Pres James or our current Pres.Jon now less busy) & 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.

**Cathsoc committees is only as good as the support it receives from the membership, so don't just wait for things to happen – get involved, please and be with us for the Thank You to the outgoing members & Commissioning of the new Committee at the International Mass next week!**

**PROJECT 2008** 'BANGERS AND MASH Evening' on Saturday 17th May at 7.30. Come and enjoy a great British evening! Traditional food -- A choice of the finest sausages, with mashed potatoes and onion gravy, followed by home made apple pie and custard. Real ale and wine available to wash it all down. Wave your union jack in time to a selection of classics from "The Last Night of The Proms". Tickets from Jane 837573/Malcolm 832155. £5

**Friday 16 May 7pm for a 7.30pm St Gregory's PTFA Quiz Night** Please support this fun event @ £2.50 per head - max 6 per team register your team name at [nancy.davey@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nancy.davey@tiscali.co.uk) How about a student team or you can turn up on the on your own and St.Greg's will find a team for you to join!!

**RCIA:** continues with our **RCIA Team** on Wed 7<sup>th</sup> May & Wed 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm along with new 'Enquirers'. Join us when you like but please let Fr.Bill know before coming along. The whole Community & not just those who lead the RCIA share this responsibility of welcoming new members. Let us all pray for those who have already and those who might one day join the Community of Catholic Faith with us in communion with our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.

**CONFIRMATION for Bath Deanery** will take place on 20th November 2008 at St Mary's, Julian Road. In 2009 it will be SS P & P's turn to host the Deanery Confirmation service. Have you been confirmed? Quite a few students it seems have not. Have you started to think of being confirmed? We will take our time over this together but will begin thinking about it from Pentecost this year. Please write a brief e-mail to Fr Bill, OSM expressing your interest. Preparation together will begin in October

**HOPE 08- Street Pastors Comes to Bath**

*Some months ago, Father Bill took part in discussions with other Bath clergy and Genesis about a new effort to help young people in Bath. Have you been on the streets of Bath after midnight on a Friday/Saturday? – its a very different world! The city is full young people trying to have fun, yet very vulnerable and with nowhere to turn for help. Young people with needs, and yet with no thought that the church might be able to help.*

*Volunteers are now being sought from churches in and around Bath to patrol the streets in a team, working alongside the police, door staff and other agencies, listening, caring and helping those in need. It is hoped to have 50+ people, both men and women, ages 18-70's. Could this be you, offering yourself one night a month, putting your faith into action out there on the streets of Bath?*

*To hear more come to the Launch event Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> June 7.30-9pm at the Guildhall, Bath. Main speaker Rev Les Isaacs (founder of Street Pastors).*

*Following launch, initial training of volunteers will take place, on 14.6, 5.7, 6.9, 20.9.08 (while most students are away over summer, if can't make all, then catch up later). First patrols will be on Friday 26th September. For more information pick up a leaflet, contact co-coordinator Paul Bright m.07899006103 email [bath@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:bath@streetpastors.org.uk), visit website [www.streetpastors.org.uk](http://www.streetpastors.org.uk)*