

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

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**Times of Holy Mass & Services  
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY  
18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008 (Year A)**

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

**EXAMS AND AFTER:** the Easter season is at an end but its peace and blessings are there for us always! As you engage in your exams and when they are over, may The Holy Spirit help you not worry about the outcome. Turn to Him and ask for His help. Ask Our Lady, the Seat of Wisdom to pray for us to her Son and trust in Him! Check the date & time of each and every one of your exams!

**Cathsoc 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 and be with us for the**

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!*

**'Films, faith Fun, & FNights' on Sundays** [after the 6.30-pm Holy Mass @

St.John's] in the Catholic Chaplaincy Centre in Bath @ 7.30pm With the coming Olympics on our mind what exactly is the Olympic ideal all about? 'Chariots of Fire' seems a good thought provoker for 18th May. Bring & Share refreshments. [www.bath-catholics.org](http://www.bath-catholics.org)

**CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY SUMMER RECEPTION: Mr.Charles Fingleton**

President of the Catenian Association (Bath Circle) was guest of honour at the Catholic Chaplaincy Summer reception held at PPC on 15th May, which proved a marvellous evening despite the poor weather. Catholic Chaplaincy is concluding its marking of 50 years of service in the city and this year the Catenian Association marks its 100th Anniversary nationally. The outgoing Catenian President spoke of these events and presented a cheque to the Catholic Chaplain for his work among the students at the universities and colleges in Bath, which was a great help and kindness.

**The Off Campus Prize by First Bus**

for service and involvement in the community was awarded to Matthew Bewers at the SU Awards Reception on Thursday 15th May. Congratulations to Matt who is in a growing line of SVPSoc winners and nominees for this award. This past year Matt has encouraged through SVPSoc (St.Vincent de Paul Society) a desire to reach out to the disadvantaged and lonely and has personally gone to visit elderly people in Smallcomb House, Bathwick Hill and at Julian House for the Homeless. He has encouraged others to do the same and has helped them to make contact and find out about ways of helping. Matt has shown good leadership without putting pressure or demands on others and has led by example. His pleasant manner and willingness to help others has been good to see. This is all very encouraging as apostolic outreach and altruism. We are proud of these and hope others will follow their example in the coming academic year.

**SVPSoc @ University of Bath** was founded by Father Bill with the help of David Bath and Paul Lever in 2001. The new SVP President in succession to Matthew Bewers, who has done so much this year to advance the efforts of the SVPSoc, has not yet been decided. If you would like to find out more contact Matt either before the end of term or Father Bill on your on your return in Autumn when we will show the new SVP DVD!

**Some members of our Catholic community** of students and 'Cathsoc' members will move on this summer to placements, and others will graduate this year and go on to great things elsewhere. We are going to miss you! Next Autumn others will begin living off Campus or will move off Campus. Please don't lose contact but sign up the list for those who want to keep in touch with their new e-mails! N.B. your Bath e-mails will be discontinued after graduation! Please let Fr.Bill know your changed contact details

AFTER THE SUMMER with any new postal address & phone details for the coming year or please fill in a new Catholic Chaplaincy Form available from Fr.Bill – it helps him very much in keeping in touch with students both in Cathsoc and those not.

**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!

**Sharing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

(Confession) for Trinity Sunday, sometimes is described as fulfilling Easter duties BUT REALLY IS SOMETHING OF A GREAT LIFT when we have our Lord lift our burdens from us Either arrange to meet Fr.Bill at a mutually convenient time on Campus or in any of the Catholic churches of Bath at announced times. There are chances galore of Confession opportunities in Bath including on Sat 10.15am @ Ss Peter & Paul.

**WERE YOU LONELY LAST YEAR ON ARRIVAL AS A FRESHER?**

Fr.Bill & Cathsoc would be glad of your help in welcoming new Catholic students and all students at the start of the next Academic Year in various ways and events.

Please try to be with Freshers for the Sunday celebration of Holy Mass on Campus in the new term for the first two or three weeks at least and especially on 28<sup>th</sup> Sept for the welcome Freshers' Mass on Campus at 12 noon and on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct at 6.30pm at St.John the Evangelist's, Bath for the **Catholic Chaplaincy Opening Holy Mass of the Academic Year** with the Pope's representative in England, The Papal Nuncio presiding and a reception afterwards. Remember how it helped you to find others gathered and welcoming. **PUT SOMETHING BACK IN!** Stick it in your diary and offer to help Fr.Bill with the event – please e-mail him to say if you would be around FOR that and that you would be willing to give him a hand.

**RCIA** continues with our **RCIA Team** on 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.

**Help others to know that we are here!**

[www.bath-catholics.org.uk](http://www.bath-catholics.org.uk)  
Please do take a look & tell others it is there. Over the vacation it will be the guide to what is happening

**and Fr.Bill may be contacted on**  
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He can, of course, be contacted by phone 01225.832096 (best time between 8-9 am most days)

Keep enjoying the good things, don't forget the good values that guide your life and be a friend to others here. Take the good advice of so many to keep happy and safe by being with other good people and look out for one another especially over the coming weeks of pressure in revising and exams! 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. If anyone seems in need of a friendly word then give it or at least draw attention to someone who might be able to give them a little encouragement.

**The situation in Myanmar/Burma is appalling. Members of Fr.Bill's own Order, the Servite friars, got a message out:-**

**WE ARE ALIVE AND SURVIVED**

Traumatic experiences let by Nargis  
The tropical cyclone Nargis smashed into Myanmar in late Friday night (2-5-2008). It has affected Yangon, Ayeyarwady and Bago divisions, also the states like Mon and Kayin. The winds sometimes were exceeding 190 kilometers for an hour as the 'Myanmar Times' reported. The house where we stay is also affected, water everywhere in the house, the roof damaged amidst this we are alive and survived. The compound wall of our land is completely fallen down except the front that is on the road side. It was sleepless night for many, no body was able to go out and see what is happening. The steel sheets used for roofs were flying, and almost all houses in Yangood as we notices became roofless. The thatched houses were blown away and left homeless. As soon as the storm almost over, nearly at 1 pm on Saturday (3.05.08) we, fra. Soosai and myself, and one of the servite sisters went in search of food and vegetables. As we were passing by, we have seen the fury of the nature: every single tree is leveled, electric posts broken and on the ground, people moving with the traumatic face. It was a tragedy that one would not see in life. We do not know when we can get the electricity supplied: water was released after four days. The prices of the edible commodities have tripled. Up to now the death reported is one lakh. Day by day it is increasing, and many villages are washed away and no reports of the people lived there, many found missing, lakhs of people became homeless and helpless. No food, no water to drink, no shelter.... The communication were heavily damaged and it is limited. Pray. Pray. Pray..... and help fraternally... Yours fraternally fra. Antonysamy osm / fra. Marai soosai osm 07.05.08

**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. Make a special effort in May. 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 & encouraged by Pope Benedict..

**CONFIRMATION for Bath Deanery.** In 2009 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

**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 and phone 01225.832096 (best time between 8-9 am most days).

#### **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 [www.streetpastors.org.uk](http://www.streetpastors.org.uk)**

#### **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.

**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!**

**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.

**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.

#### **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.

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.

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**Constant need to deepen our reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist. However**

you decide to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion do so with clear reverence. If you receive the Body of Christ in the hand, make sure to form a little throne with the palm of your hand in which to receive and consume the host before leaving the priest or minister. Do not take the host from the priest or minister merely with your fingers. Please, never wear gloves when presenting your hand to receive or fail to have clean hands. When receiving from the chalice, take a firm hold of the chalice by the stem. Whether we receive only the host or from the chalice, one receives Our Risen Lord, whole and entire – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. To drink from the chalice is the fullness of the sign– take and drink! If you have some reason for not drinking from the chalice, do not be anxious but know you have received Our Lord fully in the Sacrament. Vocabulary influences the way we think, and so it is a good idea to refer to receiving the “Host” or “Body of Christ” and the “Precious Blood” from the chalice. At that point it is, as we all know, no longer merely bread and wine, but the true Body and Blood of Christ.

S.V.P.Soc (Society of St.Vincent de Paul) is doing good work. The President is Matt Bowers and we need follow on leadership for next year . All welcome to find out more about this apostolic group that helps those in need.

#### **Prayer for Peace**

***Christ, why do you allow wars and massacres on earth? By what mysterious judgment do you allow innocent people to be cruelly slaughtered? I cannot know. I can only find assurance in the promise that your people will find peace in heaven where no one makes war. As gold is purified by fire, so you purify souls by bodily tribulations, making them ready to be received above the stars in your heavenly home.***

Alcuin of York (c.AD 735-804)

#### **The traumatic situation in Myanmar in the aftermath of Cyclone “Nargis”**

*“There will be famines and earthquakes in many places [...] but the one who perseveres to the end will be saved” (Mt 24, 7. 13).*

From Friday night, May 2nd until 1:00 PM Saturday, May 3rd, 2008, tropical cyclone Nargis battered Myanmar, particularly the states of Yangon, Ayeryarwady, Bago, Mon and Kayin. With winds of 200 km an hour and unprecedented violence, it destroyed villages, ruined crops in the field and killed more than 100,00 people. The military government has declared a state of emergency and officially requested the help of the United Nations. With the greater part of the food supply and potable water being destroyed, the greatest need, without a doubt, is supplying these basics. But there is also a danger that the resulting health and sanitation crisis will make the situation even worse.

In Yangon , the principal city of Myanmar, where our friars and the sister Servants of Mary (of India) live, 70% of the trees are gone and the roofs of most buildings have blown away.

We are in solidarity with the population suffering from this disaster, in particular the Church of Myanmar and our brother and sister Servants of Mary. We have received a fax message from our brothers Antonysamy and Maria Soosai in Yangon in which they describe serious damage and limited communications and ask for prayers and emergency assistance.

We invite all to pray for the people of Myanmar and to open their hearts in compassion and generosity, in particular for the local Church in its suffering and for our friars and sisters in Yangon. In most parts of the world, there are many institutions (Caritas, Catholic Relief Services, Bishops Conferences, etc.) which stand ready to receive and offer contributions to help the local population. Anyone in the Servite Family wishing to make a financial donation toward this same end can also send it to the General Treasurer who will establish a fund for this purpose.

May the Spirit of Pentecost, which came as a strong, driving wind upon the Church gathered in prayer and inspired it to witness the gospel with courage, enlighten us in prayer and guide us in charity as we face this emergency and the urgent needs of our brothers and sisters in Myanmar.

fra Charlie M. Leitão de Souza, O.S.M.

General Secretary for the Evangelization of Peoples and Justice and Peace  
May 9, 2008 Rome