

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

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**Times of Holy Mass & Services
SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI
(Body & Blood of Christ)
Month of the Sacred Heart
25TH MAY 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!

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. E-mail details of your return date and willingness to help. 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 28th Sept for the welcome Freshers' Mass on Campus at 12 noon and on 5th 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 & 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.

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.

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.

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 may 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.

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.

WILBERFORCE LECTURE: Bath Abbey, **Wednesday, 4th June** at 7.30 pm. The theme: *'Toward a prophetic Church Celebrated Anglican .*

Speaker: Professor John Hull, Tickets: £5 available from the Abbey Shop or Office (tel: 422462).

Saints & Sustainability: Clifton Cathedral, Thursday, 5th June at 7.30 pm. From the series of Sound of Many Waters, a lively evening exploring tales of Catholic saints who loved creation. Radio presenter Martin Palmer guides us through 2000 years of Christian engagement in our natural world. This event is free and open to all.

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!*

EXAMS AND AFTER: 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

SVPSoc (Society of St. Vincent de Paul) @ **University of Bath** was founded by Father Bill with the help of David Bath and Paul Lever in 2001 and continues to do good work. 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 return in Autumn when we will show the new SVP DVD! All welcome to find out more about this apostolic group that helps those in need.

Help others to know that we are here!

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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 catholicchaplain@bath.ac.uk or catholicchaplain@bathspa.ac.uk

He can, of course, be contacted by phone 01225.832096 (best time between 8-9 am most days)

THE PUBLIC ROSARY FOR PEACE now takes a break until the next Academic Year, but private praying of the Rosary is easy - explanatory cards on the prayer table. **THE ROSARY LASTS FOR 15 MINS** – It is a very simple silent 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.

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 : The tropical cyclone Nargia 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 Yangon as we notices became roofless. The thatched houses were blond 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 and help fraternally.. Yours fraternally fra. Antonysamy osm / fra. Marai soosai osm 07.05.08

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 acknowledgement of what you do! Stand for your own true Catholic values and don't be too easily swayed in the wrong way by others.

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.