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& BATH SPA UNIVERSITY**

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**Times of Holy Mass & Services  
TWELFTH SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME  
22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2008 (Year A)**

**Sunday Mass:** Holy Mass every Sunday in term at Bath University Ecumenical Chaplaincy Centre at 12 noon but as announced in vacation. No celebration on Campus 29<sup>th</sup> June.

An important European institution will vote on Friday 27 June on the subject of child abandonment. The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) will debate a draft resolution entitled "Preventing the first form of violence against children: abandonment at birth" <http://tinyurl.com/5k7dvw> The Council of Europe (which is distinct from the European Union) has a Parliamentary Assembly consisting of representatives who already sit in the legislatures of the Council's 47 member-states. Although the Parliamentary Assembly cannot pass laws, it does pass resolutions which may have significant influence on law, in particular human rights law.

Although it contains some good aspects (e.g. support in crisis pregnancies), the draft resolution and its accompanying report also promotes "legal and easier access to sexual rights and reproductive health services" (article 9.4.) such as "contraception and abortion" (article 33.6). It is clear that the resolution's message is that it is better for women to kill their babies by abortion than to abandon them, even than abandoning them to institutions that will care for them and place them for adoption. Even the resolution's title ("Preventing the first form of violence against children: abandonment at birth") implies support for abortion - an earlier form of violence against children

is in fact killing them before birth. This fact is the reason why the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child says, "The child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth." The hijacking of the issue of child abandonment by pro-abortion extremism is shocking, but unsurprising considering that the resolution has been drafted by the strongly pro-abortion British MP Mike Hancock, under the chairmanship of Christine McCafferty, a leader of the abortion lobby in the British parliament. Please contact the representatives of your country in the Assembly immediately, urging them to vote to remove all anti-life language from the draft resolution, and to vote against the draft resolution if the anti-life language is not removed. Assembly members should be asked to oppose articles 7, 9.4, 10.3, 17, 18, 19, 33.6, 33.7 and any other articles which could be interpreted as support for abortion or other anti-life/anti-family practices (e.g. mass provision of contraception; value-free sex education; attacks upon the work of faith communities to save children; etc). You may also wish to remind Assembly members of the words of the late Nobel Prize-winner, Mother Teresa:

"These concerns (for orphan children in India and elsewhere in the world) are very good, but often these same people are not concerned with the millions that are killed by the deliberate decision of their own mothers. And this is what is the greatest destroyer of peace today, Abortion...For the pregnant women who don't want their children, give them to me."

Contact details for Assembly members can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/65tqqg> Please remember to email any replies you receive to [political@spuc.org.uk](mailto:political@spuc.org.uk)

Yours sincerely in defence of life,

Anthony Ozimic

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

**For updates and other info over the  
summer period see**

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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

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

**World Youth Day takes place in Sydney  
Australia in July 2008. Let us pray for  
those going from Bath Catholic  
Chaplaincy including James!**

**Glastonbury Pilgrimage Sunday 13th July 2008**

**This year's theme: "Mary, Health of the Sick"**

Sacramental Anointing of the Sick for any pilgrim who wishes to receive it. The Procession is a gentler walk this year and does not visit the Tor. Refreshments and toilet facilities available. St John's Ambulance on duty.

**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 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 & 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.

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.

**ST.ANSELM, Prosligion**

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)

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.

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

**A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE ORDER  
OF FRIAR SERVANTS OF MARY & ALL ITS  
BRANCHES OF NUNS, SISTER, SECULAR  
ORDER AND SECULAR INSTITUTES  
(Father Bill, OSM belong s to this fraternity)**

O Lord, good workers to the vineyard of  
Senario,  
that glorious inheritance of the Virgin Mother,  
the vine your right hand has planted.  
Loving Father, send your daughters and your  
sons,  
always ready to follow Christ without  
hesitation  
in the way of life of the Servants of Mary.  
Send them into the household of Holy Mary,  
people of humility and meekness,  
of obedience and freedom,  
with undivided hearts,  
reaching out always in love for you.  
Send new sisters and brothers, O Lord,  
to join us as pilgrims of Transcendence,  
to join us as companions and friends  
on the mountain-path to the Source of  
salvation.  
Send them to walk in the steps of the Seven  
First Fathers,  
makers of reconciliation and peace  
to sing of your glory  
proclaiming your Gospel Good News.  
Send Servants of Holy Mary, O Lord,  
inflamed with the fire of the Spirit,  
pilgrims of Hope  
to the heavenly City of Life.  
To you be all glory, blessed Father of all,  
To you be all honour, O Jesus the Son,  
To you be all praise, Holy Spirit for ever and  
ever. Amen.

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 or 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.