

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY
to UNIVERSITY OF BATH
& BATH SPA UNIVERSITY

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Times of Holy Mass & Services
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
(ST DAVID OF WALES)
1ST MARCH 2009 (Year B)

Sunday Holy Mass at The Ecumenical Chaplaincy Centre Bath University Campus at 12.15 every Sunday in term.

The Next W/E Catholic Chaplaincy / Cathsoc Retreat this time back at Nympsfield 13th – 15th March 2009. Places going quickly. Any who would like to come as Saturday only group – just £5 for the day + travel – could come in addition to the 16 residents. Superb w/e planned and a great time promised. Great food/comfortable place and chance to rest and work!

Cathsoc Thursday 5th March at 6.30pm will show the DVD on Taizé – the ecumenical centre in France which shares with us the custom of 'Prayer around the Cross'.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

at 6.00pm in the Ecumenical Chaplaincy Centre and then as announced on following Thursdays.

We are already looking for good successors to the current office holders in the Cathsoc Committee. Start thinking about it, please, and approach likely candidates to see how they feel or maybe you could even ask **YOURSELF** to take on a role! **This is a fresh start and you may have ideas that are different but helpful.** **Nothing is set in stone, so don't just wait for things to happen – get involved, please! Let your light shine!**

BATH CATHOLIC YOUTH invite you to 'Taizé Prayer around The Cross' which will happen in Bath next in St. John the Evangelist's Catholic Church [at the West end] above the Catholic Chaplaincy Centre in South Parade, BATH. This beautiful experience of prayer in word and song by candlelight in the ecumenical spirit of Taizé will take place at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10TH March and will be preceded by 'Bring & Share' food in the Catholic Chaplaincy Centre below from 6.00pm with Cathsoc together with other young Catholics and all ecumenical friends among the students and young people in Bath. Musicians are welcome to help with the music and especially singers!

Student Cross [4 - 12 April 2009] is a pilgrimage organised by and for students, young adults, and pilgrims of all ages, which has been running since 1948. Pilgrims experience Holy Week and the joy of the Resurrection as a living reality. It's a chance to celebrate Easter in a unique way. **Cassie from Cardiff will come on Thursday 12th March to speak about her experience of it and what you might want to know.**

Ten different groups, known as Legs, walk from different parts of the country across Norfolk to Walsingham. Kind-hearted parishes provide food and accommodation along the way. Each Leg carries a large wooden cross as a witness to the people they pass. The climax of the week is in Walsingham, a centre of pilgrimage for many centuries. This is where all the Legs meet up to celebrate the Easter liturgies together over the Easter weekend, including a vibrant Paschal Party after the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening.
THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

ON Fridays during Lent we hold **THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS** IN the ECUMENICAL CHAPLAINCY CENTRE at 1.20pm which lasts FOR 15-20 MINS – ALL WELCOME.. We can meet in the Prayer Corner with whoever can manage to come. Explanatory cards are on the prayer table. This can be a lay-led prayer. Even if you can't come every week drop in when possible. Numbers present do not matter BUT BETTER IF WE HAD 14 AT LEAST with each one holding a Station picture in the circle in the Ecumenical Chaplaincy Room and leading the prayer for that Station. It is a very simple witness to our Faith and is familiar to many. The devotion is Franciscan in origin. If fewer are present then the station picture is simply changed and displayed for all to see in the Prayer Corner

MAKE SURE TO JOIN THE CATHSOCS CATHSOC COMMITTEES OF UNIVERSITY OF BATH & BATH SPA UNIVERSITY – WANT TO HEAR FROM CURRENT AND NEW MEMBERS WITH 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!

RCIA Team at Ss Peter & Paul on Wed 11TH March at 7.30pm meets along with new 'Enquirers' & those recently received. The Catholic Community in the Universities in Bath and not just those who lead the RCIA wish to encourage this interest. Let us all pray for those drawn to learn about the Community of Catholic Faith with us in communion with our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. Feel welcome to join us when you like but please let Fr. Bill know or speak with him before coming along.

Catholic Medical Association. Thursday 12th March at St Joseph's Home Cotham. "Winning Hearts and Minds in Parliament" Speaker: John Smeaton: National Director of SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) Mass at 7pm. Refreshments at 7.30. Main meeting at 7.45. All welcome. Further details from Tinaquinn123@aol.com.

FR NICHOLAS KING: will be giving a talk in St. John's Parish Hall on **Wednesday, 18th March**, at 7.30 pm. His theme will be "What does it mean for Scripture to be True." *Fr. King came to speak to Cathsoc in*

2007 and was really good stuff. Strongly recommended.

The Catenian Association Bursary Fund Ltd is a charitable Fund administered on behalf of the Catenian Association in order to fulfil one of the association's original and core aims, namely: "To advance the interests of young Catholics and to assist them in their choice or pursuit of their career." You need to be aged 16-24 / Catholic / Involved in or planning a Community-Based project at home or abroad. Contact the Secretary to the Trustees, The Catenian Bursary Fund, 2nd Floor, 1 Copthall House, Station Square, Coventry CV1 2FY or have a word with Father Bill, OSM.

Catholic Students and Friends are welcome to help with the SOUP RUN to people living on the streets in Bath: Next session Friday 6th March. at 3pm in the Sacristy of the church, parishioners at Ss. Peter & Paul, Combe Down meet as a group to prepare sandwiches and these are taken down in the evening to Bath for the Homeless. Other churches of Bath take turns at this task and you can help whenever and wherever you find it convenient. Further info from Father Bill, OSM.

WHAT WILL LENT MEAN FOR YOU?

The Holy Season of Lent in preparation for Easter is a time to review our lives and perhaps make some fresh starts. **Will Lent be borrowed time that you lament or will it be well spent? It is a good time to review life and perhaps make some fresh starts:-**

- On Fridays of Lent doing penance by abstinence and other efforts and giving Lenten Alms for distribution by the Bishop as a result of our sacrifices and penances.
- **By making the Stations of the Cross** - privately or in common - and let us all know **when** in advance through the bulletin.
- **Helping with the Soup Run** Preparations on 6th March.
- **Adoration of Blessed Sacrament when announced on Campus.**
- **Sharing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**
- **Go along to the Parish Prayer group which next meets on 3rd and 9th March @ 8.00pm**

Things across the Catholic Chaplain's desk are sometimes unintentionally amusing: e.g. "The Fasting & Prayer Lenten Conference includes meals!"