

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

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**Times of Holy Mass & Services
2nd SUNDAY OF LENT
8th MARCH 2009 (Year B)**

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

SPUC: WELCOME TO GAIL HERE TODAY TO TELL US ABOUT PRO-LIFE EFFORTS IN BATH AND ABOUT THE 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.

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 – Hot lasagne will be available for as many as it lasts for so be there in good time - 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!

The Next W/E Catholic Chaplaincy / Cathsoc Retreat at Nympsfield 13th – 15th March 2009. Any who would like to come as Saturday only group – just £5 for the day + travel – could come in addition to the 16 residential places. A great time promised. Great food/comfortable place and chance to rest and work!

Communal Lenten Penance & Reconciliation Service Thursday 19th March at 6.30pm in the Ecumenical Chaplaincy Centre. You may wish to arrange a private meeting for the Sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation at another mutually convenient time with Father Bill, OSM Contact him by e-mail or ☎ 01225 832096

Sharing in the Sacrament (Sign) of Confession and Reconciliation is a lovely way of experiencing the ongoing change that we are engaged in during our lives dedicated to following Christ. While it is a moment to reflect on our personal sins and a duty to humbly present our lives and our experience of sin before God, the real focus of the experience is the rhythm of turning towards God with repentance in order to bring about a change of heart and mind. I am sure whoever brought you into the life of Faith would have explained certain duties that the Church asks us to fulfil for our own sakes. One is the duty of sharing annually at Easter in this Sacrament of Forgiveness, which is both personal and communal. This practice is not simply to dwell on our human sinfulness but makes us face the limitations that we experience in our following of God. St. Paul's insight that the good we wish to do is often the thing we fail to do and the evil we wish to avoid the very thing that we do sums up the need to examine our lives regularly. The conversation that we have with Christ through the person of the priest

is the way in which we acknowledge the struggle of our life for perfection and the realisation that our life of Faith is in the context of the believing community. The priest represents both Christ and the Church in this encounter. The counsel and direction that the priest may give is to help us redirect our life where it has not fulfilled the spiritual potential that we might have due to sin.

In Holy Week and before that you're your own parishes will celebrate also Communal Penitential Services. These services are meant to support one another with prayer as usual in the first part and then have a directed Examination of Conscience and praying of the Act of Contrition, after which individual penitents will go to the priest of their choice to speak privately to him.. The priest will share individual Absolution and offer a Penance to be fulfilled either of prayer or charitable deed. Those able to wait until the conclusion of the service may stay and pray until the final blessing, but others are free to depart if they need to do so. It is good to speak to the priest whether you are sharing in the Sacrament or not but make it clear when you arrive to speak what is your wish.

We are now 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!**

Student Cross Cassie from Cardiff will come on Thursday 12th March to speak about her experience of this and answer what you might want to ask. The event is [4 - 12 April 2009] and 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.

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

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.

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