For Churches in Bath please check the web site www.bath.ac.uk/chaplaincy and click Local Churches for service times, bus routes, different church denominations etc.

12.15 for 12.30 Holy Mass on campus for Catholics & friends

12.00 - 12.15 Lunchtime prayers Rev. Angela
1.15 - 2.00 pm Lectio Divina with Father Bill, OSM and students praying the Scriptures and pondering on God's Word
6.30 - 8.00pm Buddhist Meditation Group
8.00 - 9.30pm 1001 Nights Society

12.15 - 12.45pm Midweek Eucharist/Holy Communion All Welcome
12.45 - 1.45pm OXFAM LUNCH - a cheap, healthy lunch of soup, bread & cheese and fruit. All profit goes to Oxfam. Staff and Students most welcome.
Not during exams or reading week.
6.15 - 7.30pm BANG! (Bath Anglicans) Informal discussions/socials.
Not in exams.
8.00pm SAMBA International Drumming School

12.45 - 2.00pm Global Cafe International student lunch run by the Christian Union FREE!!!
5.00 - 7.00pm Veggie Soc cooking demonstration and meal
7.30 - 10.00pm Chinese Overseas Christian Fellowship (Mandarin Speaking)

1.15 - 2.00 Love Bath Prayer meeting
6.00 - 6.30pm (as announced) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6.30 - 9.00pm Cath Soc Meeting – all welcome
www.bathstudent.com/socs/societies/cathsocatholic/
9.00pm CU meeting in 1WN2.101 from 7.30 continues in Chaplaincy
www.bathcu.org.uk

12.00 - 12.15pm Lunchtime prayers with Angela
12.15 - 1.15pm Davenport Group
1.20 - 2.15pm Rosary for Peace/Stations of the Cross in Lent with Fr. Bill OSM & students in Prayer Corner
6.30 - 9.00pm J Soc Shabbat meal – most Fridays. Check with J soc actual dates.

4.00 - 7.00pm Cantonese Christian Fellowship
For booking the Chaplaincy at other times please email adxb@bath.ac.uk or Ext 6458

Good Friday Cross Walks
For those staying in Bath over the Easter Vacation, on Good Friday (3rd April) Between 9.00am and noon there will be the Cross Walks taking place from various venues in the city.
Each walk stops at 3 different churches and an outside space for a short act of worship before all the walks come together in Bath Abbey Churchyard – by the Pump Rooms – for the final Worship.
There will be a short talk from our new Baptist Chaplain, the Revd Andy Percy, Minister of Manvers Street Baptist Church, as well as songs and music accompanied by the Salvation Army band and a music group.
For details of timings and details of places to join the walk from please visit the Churches Together in Bath website
http://www.bathchurches.org.uk/goodfridaycrosswalks.htm

Faith Forum “What is Blasphemy?”
Thur 12 March 2015, 6.30 to 8.00 pm 3.E.2.4
Come and discuss this highly topical subject.
Speakers: Prof. Gavin D’Costa University of Bristol Relion and Theology Department;
Zainah Mai-Boru from the University of Bath Politics, Languages and International Studies Dept;
Dr David Jewell, Bristol Progressive Synagogue.
Fr Bill O.S.M. - Catholic University Chaplain - writes:

Ash Wednesday
Blessing of Ashes took place in the Chapel at both the Anglican Eucharist and Catholic Mass. It is a good start to the Holy Season of Lent, encouraging one another to live the Christian life better.

Chinese New Year afforded the chance for the Catholic Chaplain and Bath CathSoc to make contact and offer help to our Chinese students.

Meeting Deborah Meaden of Dragons’ Den gave Father Bill the idea to dress as a Dragon for the Chinese New Year’s Spring Festival. Here the Dragon would pitch ideas to future entrepreneurs who might be willing to invest their energies to kick start their own experience of faith and that of others. After the pitch the students asked questions though the ‘Dragon’/Catholic Chaplain but they didn’t always get the answers they might have expected!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be taking place at announced times and on every first Friday @ Ss Peter & Paul, Combe Down BA2 5LS until 9.00pm or into the night for those students who wish to keep vigil...

The Way Of The Cross will take place on Fridays in March in the ECC at 12.00pm. The Stations are easy to take part in with explanatory cards to help meditate. The devotion lasts for 15-20 mins - all welcome.

CathSoc/Catholic Chaplaincy Lectio Divina Day at Downside on Sunday 8th March 2015

Contact cathsoc.bath@gmail.com for further details and arrangements. There will be a chance to meet students from Chile. All are welcome. Lectio Divina also happens in the Chapel on many Mondays. (See events on back page).

Father Bill OSM recently celebrated the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to Priesthood in the Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows at Prior Park College.

The 30th International Mass including readings, hymns and prayers for the needs of the whole world, in many languages and with music from many lands on Sun 15th March at 12.30 in the ECC. The ‘Hail Mary’ prayer now runs to 60 languages! A Bring and Share International Buffet follows. All welcome.

The Catenian Association Bursary Fund Ltd is a charitable Fund created “to advance the interests of young Catholics and to assist them in their choice or pursuit of their career.” Open to Catholics aged 16-24 who are involved in a community 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.

We need help for the Bath Soup Run for people living on the streets in Bath. Every first Friday of each month to make sandwiches at 9.30am at Ss Peter & Paul, 112 Entry Hill, Bath (Bus 20A/C) and at 7.00pm these are taken down for distribution at Walcott St Car Park.

The 30th International Mass

The relevance of the story to a season of extra spiritual effort is that it’s never too late to find our spiritual home, to discover the boundless love and welcome of God. The third story is about the end of time. Jesus paints a picture of a final reckoning in our lives and tells us what the criteria will be. Uncomfortably perhaps, the criteria will be how we responded to those in need: the hungry, the sick, those in prison. All great religious traditions link fasting with almsgiving: in other words practical or financial help to those who are in need.

This very practical aspect of Lent reinforces the universal truth that getting closer to God brings us closer to the rest of humanity. Have a blessed Lent!

Mother Sarah – Orthodox Chaplain

Seasons are important in our lives - imagine university without rag, graduations or holidays – even without exams! Imagine our relationships without birthdays or anniversaries or special shared meals....

The spiritual life has seasons too. Some come on for no apparent reason, times of special blessing or of sorrow, and others are given to us an annual opportunity for growth and increased spiritual depth. Lent is one of these seasons.

Traditionally, Lent means a time of fasting and prayer in preparation for Easter. In my tradition we prepare for this by thinking about 3 of the stories Jesus tells in the Gospels. The first is about a “publician” and a “Pharisee” who go to the Temple to pray to God. The basic point of the story is that the religious chap completely misses the point of prayer, thanking God that he’s “alright”, while the non-religiously-respectable chap is praised by Jesus for humbly getting down to the basics of prayer with no pride in his social or religious standing.

The second story is about someone who takes his share of the family fortune and goes off and blows it all on rowdy living and is then left in poverty. When he decides to go back home, his father receives him with open arms, reinstates him as a full family member, much to the annoyance of his law abiding brother.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Synod will be held on Campus on Saturday 21st March from 9.00 am -1.00 pm

For those needing access to the Muslim Prayer Room please apply for directions and entry procedure either to the Chaplaincy or to Security, providing your library card.

Chaplains Availability

Every week in term time there is a Chaplain available to talk to, pray with you or make you a cup of coffee and listen to you. We operate an open door policy in the chaplaincy, so just pop in and say hello. On the few occasions when no one is there, there will be details of how to make contact on the back of the office door. You can also e mail us on chaplaincy@bath.ac.uk