

PRESS RELEASE



“Father Ted”

by

Arthur Mathews and Graham Linehan:

adapted for the stage by Paul Steventon Marks

Oldbury Rep’s next production takes us to the wonderfully strange world of Craggy Island to meet ‘Father Ted’ in this adaptation of the cult TV comedy by Oldbury Rep’s Paul Steventon Marks.

The show follows the misadventures of three Irish Roman Catholic priests who live in a parish on the fictional Craggy Island, located off the west coast of Ireland. Father Ted Crilly, Father Dougal McGuire and Father Jack Hackett live chaotically together in Craggy Island’s Parochial House, along with their housekeeper Mrs Doyle, who always wants to serve them tea.

Paul Marks, who is also directing the show, writes: “I selected four episodes to dramatise ‘The Passion of St. Tibulus’, ‘Cigarettes and Alcohol and Rollerblades’, ‘Grant Unto Him Eternal Rest and ‘Are You Right There Father Ted’. In adapting this politically incorrect series for the stage I had to step back from the quick cut scene change TV style of the original and create a more sustained narrative in keeping with stage production. I also made the decision not to censure or over sanitise the original content as this would not be in keeping with the original concept of the show. so please be aware of this if you are of a ‘sensitive disposition’ or ‘easily offended’ before entering the Parochial House! Where original writing was needed, to bridge the gaps in the narrative I hope it has been carried out in a way that fits with the style and feel of the original. In setting its off-kilter Irish humour against a highly religious and sanctimonious background the original writers quickly created a cult classic which was sadly ended by the untimely death of Dermot Morgan who played the title character”.

The production runs in our Main House from Saturday 3rd November until Saturday 10th November and performances start at 7.30pm.

Tickets can be obtained by phone or in person from the box office on Monday evenings from 7.30pm and every night of the production from 7.00pm. Tickets are priced at £11.00 with the usual concessions at £10.00 with a special price on Monday and Tuesday evenings of £9.00 (no concessions).

Box office can be contacted on 0121 552 2761. **And you can now book online at www.oldburyrep.org**