



Dear All,

I am pleased to be forwarding information from Archbishop Bernard on the International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians which takes place this Sunday 17 May. Some of you, not based in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, may not have received it. It is organised by Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE). In our meetings together we know a number of the Eastern Churches among us: Chaldean, Eritrean, Ukrainian, Syro Malabar and Syro Malankara. And, at our most recent Day Conference, we participated in a special Midday Prayer from the Byzantine Liturgy in translation. We will have opportunities in the future to get to know more about our various Liturgical traditions, and we are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Nowakowski, the new Eparch of the Ukrainian Community, at a Byzantine Liturgy in St Chad's, once the way is open again in these days of the Pandemic. Please use the prayer provided in the material sent by Archbishop Bernard at your Liturgy this weekend.

I am also forwarding a copy of the Punjabi Chaplaincy insert for the Diocesan Website (it will also go onto our own "Our Lady of Good Counsel" website). It still needs further work on formatting with the photographs in the appropriate places. However, you can see what we hope to have for each Chaplaincy, Eparchy and Mission.

I am attaching, as usual now, my Reflection for the Sixth Week of Easter, which may be a useful resource for you. I have been videoing it and my Cousin, Con McHugh, uploads it as a Vlog on the Diocesan Website and our own, Our Lady of Good Counsel.

I anticipate we will be hearing more soon on arrangements for opening up our Churches again. The date given for places of worship this week by Government is 4 July.

With prayers and all good wishes
Monsignor Daniel McHugh

Monsignor Daniel McHugh

Co-ordinator for Ethnic Chaplaincies in the Archdiocese