



Dear All,

I am sorry that there has been a delay in getting my regular mailing to you: Heather, our Secretary has gone on maternity leave, and Anne, who is stepping in for her over the next few months, has come across some technical problems in coming to this work at a distance. Please remember Heather in your prayers: the baby is due soon.

There are few matters I wish to alert you to:

- I will be making contact with you personally over the coming weeks with a view to seeing how pastoral work with your community is going, and how you are personally.
- Then I hope we can take forward the 200 word entry for our website on your Chaplaincy, Eparchy or Mission: you may remember the Communication Office of the Archdiocese wished to have some text (with pictures if possible) on each Community.
- And, finally, you will see some welcome publicity being given to the initiative of the Vietnamese Chaplaincy in supporting the quest for donations of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) at the Birmingham Local Authority. A number of those working in Nail Spas are from Vietnam: at the moment they are out of work and have decided to give their PPE (surgical masks and gloves) to help in care homes, children's services and home care support! In addition, those not having PPE to donate, will contribute to a monetary collection for the Local Authority.

**If your community would like to help in a similar way, the website is:
https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50231/coronavirus_covid-19/2087/donations_of_protective_equipment**

There is just one other matter that may interest you, and that is doing some further study. I have been speaking to the new Dean of Higher Education at Maryvale Institute, Dr Biriute Briiute, and she would be happy to hear from any of you interested for example in the Masters' Programme in Applied Theology. You can simply email her at dean@maryvale.ac.uk and she will make contact with you.

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The courses are part-time and at a distance, so they fit ideally with your Pastoral commitments. You will find basic information on the Maryvale Institute Website, but then, if you are interested, you can speak with her directly for further information. You can give her my name of course.

I am attaching my weekly reflection, which will also be on youtube and on our website

With prayer for you all
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