

Newsletter Corpus Christi 14 June

Dear All,

It is always nice to hear from you: this week, Father Solomon, the **Eritrean** Chaplain, rang to ask me how I am in "lockdown" and to tell me his Community wondered how I was! It was great to hear that in Eritrea there are next to no cases now of the Corona Virus. Thank God for that.

Then, I had an email from Father Liang telling me more about the situation in **China** as they mark the 31st Anniversary of Tienanmen Square. He asks us to pray for the conversion of China, ending in Hope: "One day, we all will know and accept the Gospel."!

And Father Yen Vu has been in touch from the **Vietnamese** Chaplaincy: his assistant, Fr Tam, has to return soon to Vietnam, where he needs to go through his English Language Certificate before applying for a renewal of his Visa.

Father Andrew Franklin, PP of St Joseph's Whitnash, who hosts Father Ramunas, our Lithuanian Chaplain, emailed saying he has a **teacher of English** who may be able to help those needing to improve their English: so, do be in touch with me if you need special assistance in that area.

I am pleased to forward you a copy of my **Homily on the Sacred Heart of Jesus** (Friday 19 June). I am celebrating the opening Mass of the Novena today, 11 June, at the request of the Bridgettine Sisters, live streaming it on Facebook from my home in Solihull. I hope you may find it a useful resource.

I am also forwarding the text of a **Reflection for Corpus Christi** which I give on video in the Burning Bush , a 10 minute pause for prayer involving Music, Scripture, the Homily and Adoration. I have a little team, helping me with that each week now. You can find the Burning Bush videos on the youtube channel of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

I am sad that the **Procession of the Blessed Sacrament** from the Polish Church at St Michael's, Birmingham, to St Chad's to mark Corpus Christi, will not take place this year. Father Krzysztof had invited me again this year for the lovely occasion, where the Polish Catholic Community reach out to the wider Church in a joint celebration of the Eucharist.

With prayers and all good wishes Monsignor Daniel McHugh

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