



**Newsletter 12<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year 21 June**

Dear All,

I have been looking beyond “lockdown” to **our next get-together** to discuss pastoral priorities in our Catholic Ethnic Communities. One of the main priorities, it seems to me, is passing on the Faith and Culture to future generations. Here I am thinking particularly of “catechesis of the young” and “youth work”. So, I am wondering how we can get together to talk about these matters and learn from each other, as well as bring in “experts” to advise and help. In both these areas you will have helpers / catechists / youth leaders and/or you are looking for them! The important thing is getting together at a time when your helpers can be with you. Accordingly, I am not thinking of a weekday, but a **Saturday in October or November**, starting fairly early so that you can get away for evening Mass. I will try to avoid a day when there are important events going on in your Communities, or in the Archdiocese, so **please let me know if you have anything important planned**. Also, I would appreciate having your **recommendations for speakers**.

This week I heard from the **Filipino Community** meeting in St Brigid’s, Northfield. My correspondent is a lay person, James Mananghaya; they have no regular Chaplain, but they continue to keep in touch and get support from an Augustinian Priest, Fr Tomas Banayag, from London, who has held weekly Masses via Zoom in the Filipino Language. The core lay people have now set up a Rosary Group praying for everyone afflicted by the COVID19 pandemic. I was impressed when I went to meet them last year and I promised I would try to find a Chaplain for them.

The text of my Homily/Reflection for the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday is attached; I hope it may be a useful resource for you. It will be in video on the “**Burning Bush**”, a 10 minute pause for reflection and prayer on a Sunday (or other day if you wish) placed on Our Lady of Good Counsel Ethnic Chaplaincies Website on Fridays.

With prayers and all good wishes  
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