



Dear All,

I am writing this Newsletter on the Feast of St Bridget, Patron of Europe, conscious of the important contribution of the Bridgettine Sisters at Maryvale Institute, and the vital work of so many Sisters from diverse Ethnic Communities in the Diocese, especially in these days. Last year, we had an afternoon at Maryvale, hosted by the Bridgettine Sisters, focussing on Family and Catechesis in the context of Ethnic Chaplaincies. I had hoped to arrange another afternoon during Lent this year, but the Pandemic made that impossible. I hope it will be possible to arrange a gathering later in the year, depending on progress in dealing with COVID 19.

I am including a link (<https://www.crisismagazine.com/2020/roman-catholics-the-original-abolitionists#.Xxlpei6UGUY.mailto>) to an Article from Crisis Magazine on the matter of the Church and Racism. I found it a very interesting read, and useful, given some of the statements being made about the role of the Church and “Black Lives Matter”. Having been the Founder of the West Indian Chaplaincy back in 1974, I have been very conscious of weaknesses in the past in Parish Practice. So it is important to keep a balance and work for a future where all races and ethnic groups are enabled, to play their part in our common mission.

I am attaching my weekly Homily/Reflection on the Sunday Readings, which I hope you find helpful in preparing your Homily. Tomorrow, the “Burning Bush” Vlog will be on our website, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Ethnic Chaplaincies.

Next weekend, I will send my last Newsletter before the Summer break!

All best wishes and prayers
Monsignor Daniel McHugh

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