



Newsletter: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Dear All,

I am writing this Newsletter on the 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of my Ordination, 24 September 1967, at my home Parish of Holy Family, Coventry. I am the only one left from the celebrants that day: Archbishop George Patrick Dwyer and Canon Arthur Diamond are both deceased of course. May they rest in peace.

I have much to give thanks for, especially on this Feast for Our Lady of Walsingham, which used to be Our Lady of Ransom in those days, not least the power of the Internet to unite us with many people from all over. My sister, Geraldine, is joining in Mass from Portugal, my former secretary Anne from Berlin, and cousins will be viewing from Ireland. The Mass of Thanksgiving, concelebrated with Fr Dominic Kavanagh, the local Dean is being livestreamed from St. Augustine, Solihull. And thanks to my cousin, Con, and Faye and Caroline at the Diocese I have been able to enhance my ministry with Catholic Ethnic Chaplaincies, Eparchies and Missions across the Archdiocese. Like you, and many other Priests in Parishes, I have been able, with the help of friends and parishioners, to continue to develop our pastoral and spiritual service in the Church and more widely, despite the Pandemic.

One of the things making the headlines in these days that will be of special concern to the Catholic Ethnic Communities is Migration: it is a major focus across Europe, not least in the UK. I note there is a special event online this Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>, the Day of Prayer for Migrants, that encourages and supports a Catholic response. I hope you will join in if you can; see the Catholic Social Action Network. Another matter, closely related to this is "Racism". Over the summer I was involved in an online CARJ event that highlighted the response of the Church. You can look this up on the CARJ website.

I look forward to continuing our conversations on these matters. The use of the Internet will be crucial to keeping us in touch with each other and our communities. Thank God we have this vital tool at our disposal.

God Bless

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