



THE ARCHDIOCESE *of* BIRMINGHAM

Ethnic Chaplaincies

Newsletter: Weekend 19th/20th September

Dear All,

It has been interesting to hear how Priests have been working to support their people spiritually during “lockdown”. In the case of Chaplaincies, Eparchies and Missions, not only are we offering streaming of Mass, Benediction and Rosary, but also we are using streaming of Services from countries of origin, using our own languages.

One of the many encouraging sides of the past five months has been the way so many Priests have entered into the online world: using Zoom for meetings and streaming their own Services, often assisted by technically “savvy” parishioners. I am pleased to say, I have played a part, streaming Masses on Sunday evenings, a time some people find convenient, and I have put my weekly Homily / Reflection onto a VLOG called the Burning Bush, 10 minutes of music, scripture and prayer, as well as the Homily. I record on Facebook and my cousin does the editing before it goes on YouTube. Friends from my former Parish help with sourcing music and pictures. Then, of course, I am part of Deanery “Zoom meetings” as I am sure you must be too. I would like to think we could benefit from some sharing and discussion together using Zoom. Recently, I have noticed one of our Chaplains, Fr Jeremy Howard, using a Congolese Hymn in French, at one of his streamed Masses. I would like to do the same! So, could you consider sending me a recording of one of your Hymns, please? It would deepen the appreciation of Catholic Ethnic Communities among those practising.

With thanks

All good wishes,

Mgr Daniel McHugh

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