



Newsletter: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Dear All,

You may recall I wrote to you some time ago about a possible way forward in relation to the “Intercultural Mass” marking One World Week in October. This year the theme is “It’s Our World: Let’s Make It Better”, a theme that fits in with the present worldwide concern for the environment, and in particular Pope Francis’ teaching in this regard (cf. *Laudato Si*). The week this year is 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October, and all being well we would have celebrated it on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Sadly, we are not able to get together in our usual way at St Catherine’s Church in Birmingham. However, I hope we can mark it “online”, and I would welcome your thoughts in this regard: could you give a short message from your Community with a picture, and maybe a reading from Scripture, a prayer or a hymn. You could arrange to forward your contribution to [co-ordinator.ethnic.chaplaincy@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:co-ordinator.ethnic.chaplaincy@rcaob.org.uk) and I will draw everything together to post online.

I am aware the time is short, but it has not been clear how to proceed with new Covid 19 regulations being issued from week-to-week. Now, it is evident we will not be able to gather in large numbers for many months.

As I write to you today, 1<sup>st</sup> October, I wish to draw your attention to the Rosary being prayed online each evening at 8pm, starting today, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. I think this could be a way of our coming together in prayer for God’s Blessing on all our Communities. Then Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, is the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, so let us ask his prayers for our marking of One World Week taking inspiration from his prayer “the Canticle of Creation”.

I am sending my Homily for the 27<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year, which quotes the Prayer of St Francis as we reflect on the natural world and the image of the Vineyard, as a metaphor for the Church. I hope it helps as you prepare your own Homily; it will also be in the VLOG, the “Burning Bush”, which you can find the link to on our website, Our Lady of Good Counsel: Ethnic Chaplaincies, from tomorrow, Friday.

Prayers and all good wishes,

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