



THE ARCHDIOCESE *of* BIRMINGHAM

## Ethnic Chaplaincies

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Newsletter: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear All,

I am sure you will be pleased to see Pope Francis is going to Iraq next March. I was talking with Dr Subhi Zora, who attends our Chaplaincy meetings on behalf of Fr Andrawis, and he said how happy the Chaldean Catholics are at the news, while being concerned for the Pope's health and safety. Please pray for Iraq and a number of our Chaplaincy areas back home where there is conflict and persecution. At my streamed Mass last Sunday evening I remembered the Faithful in Nigeria, the Cameroon and Eritrea, to mention just a few that have been in the news recently.

I am pleased to be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving, together with Fr Stan, our Nigerian Chaplain, on Tuesday coming for the work of Sr Vivian from the Daughters of Divine Love Community, who is retiring from being Warden of St Teresa's Court, a "supported" housing scheme in St Teresa's Parish, Perry Bar. The Sisters often live quietly in the background, but do so much for the Church and not least a number of the Chaplaincies, Eparchies and Missions.

Finally, I was very interested in the report that Pope Francis is encouraging the creation of an "Amazonian" Mass, so taking further the "inculturation" of the Liturgy. Apparently he does this in the Preface to a book on the Zairean Rite which was created for the Congolese Catholics following the second Vatican Council.

With prayers and all good wishes,

Mgr Daniel McHugh

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