



THE ARCHDIOCESE *of* BIRMINGHAM

Ethnic Chaplaincies

Newsletter: Sunday 20th December 2020

Dear All,

This week I enjoyed celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving on the occasion of the Retirement of Sister Vivian of the Daughters of Devine Love. Sister has been the first warden of the supported housing scheme, St Teresa's Court in Perry Bar, Birmingham. Fr Stan Nwanunobi, cssp, Nigerian Chaplain, and the Parish Priest Fr Stephen Pimlott, joined me in the Sisters' Parish, Sacred Heart, Aston. It was a nice occasion to speak of the wonderful work of so many Religious Sisters in our Parishes, Chaplaincies, Eparchies and Missions. Often their work goes on quietly in the background, and it is important to acknowledge how much they contribute to the work of the Church and the wider community.

In my Reflection for the 4th Sunday of Advent I have picked up on the Year of St Joseph announced by Pope Francis last week (on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception). I hope you will find the Reflection and the VLOG Burning Bush helpful. With our concern for Faith support in the Family, I think the "Year of St Joseph" as it is gradually unpacked could be an inspiration to many families in what may be a worrying year, especially in the time of COVID19 and much unemployment.

My prayers are with you for the final weekend of Advent,

Mgr Daniel McHugh

17th December 2020

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