



THE ARCHDIOCESE *of* BIRMINGHAM

## Ethnic Chaplaincies

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Newsletter: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear All,

I am sure you are planning how best to keep in touch with your Community and Family over Christmas and New Year. The inevitable restrictions on meeting in large numbers caused by the Pandemic are putting us all to the test!

Personally, I am encouraging people to go to their Parish or Chaplaincy for Mass if they can get a booking! Otherwise, to view Mass online, and mark Christmas in a “religious” way at home. I have bought my Advent Wreath and red candle for use at home in my Apartment. And, I am celebrating a special Livestream Mass on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> at 8pm the Feast of the Holy Family: the aim being to stretch the opportunity to mark Christmas over the Octave in a real way this year!

I am delighted that the Diocese has met the cost of a YouTube camera for my home, which my cousin, Con, is fitting without cost. That way I will have a better picture and sound, whilst continuing with Facebook Live as well.

I am planning my first Zoom Meeting on Catechesis in January: I will have group sessions so that you can contribute more easily. Maryvale has nominated an Adviser who will work with me on that. I know, of course, that some of you are planning new initiatives in Catechesis, so please let me know about that, and you can be more involved in planning!

With prayers and all good wishes,

Mgr Daniel McHugh

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

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