



Newsletter: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear All,

I was reminded of the different dates for the celebration of Christmas when Pope Francis sent greetings on 6<sup>th</sup> January to Orthodox Christians and Eastern Rite Catholics, who celebrated the Birth of Jesus on 7<sup>th</sup> January. The different dates make life a bit complicated for us in the West, but when I spoke to Fr Solomon who celebrated Christmas on 7<sup>th</sup> January for the Eritrean Community in St Vincent's in Birmingham it is just part of the Alexandrian Tradition. I became aware too that among Eastern Rite Catholics some are closer to the "Orthodox" Tradition in terms of dates.

I am sending a link [https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/may-the-savior-wipe-away-every-tear-ukrainian-greek-catholic-leader-issues-christmas-message-17375?fbclid=IwAR088e8yJM\\_SZXALzS8yjaJKDqFVgCRRHH8KoK8NEHriSEyvbCCq0LvnZU](https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/may-the-savior-wipe-away-every-tear-ukrainian-greek-catholic-leader-issues-christmas-message-17375?fbclid=IwAR088e8yJM_SZXALzS8yjaJKDqFVgCRRHH8KoK8NEHriSEyvbCCq0LvnZU) to the message of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk on their occasion of their celebration of Christmas on 7<sup>th</sup> January too. Fr David Senyk has told me, it is New Year's Day today for the Ukrainian Eparchy; they keep to the Julian Calendar and Christmas was on 7<sup>th</sup> January.

I am also sending an attachment and link (<https://wwme.org.uk/>), to information I have received from Lianne Pap, one of the Diocesan Officers for Evangelization on an online "Marriage Enrichment" weekend, January 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> which may be of interest to married couples in your community.

My Reflection / Homily for this Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> in Ordinary time) touches in the Sunday of the Word of God, 24<sup>th</sup> January, so I have sent an attachment and link : <https://c-b-f.org/> and an attachment provided by Archbishop Bernard to a webinar on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 5pm – 6:20pm offered by the Catholic Biblical Federation in preparation for the Sunday of the Word. If you are not in the Archdiocese you may not be aware of it.

I am looking forward to having our own Zoom Meetings on Catechesis and Youth Work in the near future.

With all good wishes,

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