



THE ARCHDIOCESE of BIRMINGHAM

Ethnic Chaplaincies

Newsletter: Sunday 14th February 2021

Dear All,

I am pleased to forward to you the “itinerary” for the Apostolic Visit of Pope Francis to Iraq 5th – 8th March. I am indebted to Dr Subhi Zora for this information. I am sure you will be interested to follow the programme, which includes meetings with political leaders, and Ayatollah Al-Sistani the Leader of the Shiites in Iraq, as well as Mass with the Chaldean Community and prayer with other Christian denominations.

The programme brings to life so many Biblical places that are familiar to us in the Old and New Testaments. Archbishop Bernard will be asking Parishes and Chaplaincies to pray for God’s Blessing on this Apostolic Visit.

I am also attaching the programme from Missio for Priests new to the U.K. I attended part of it last year to see what it was like and I am sure any Priest or Sister coming to the Mission here would find it excellent in terms of “orientation”, with its focus on culture, society, state and education.

I will be in touch with Father Anthony Chantry about the dates for the programme in the light of the effects of the continuing Pandemic.

I am pleased to confirm that my weekly Podcast “Journey of Faith: Life from the Holy Mass” will be on the Diocesan Website and our own Our Lady of Good Counsel Website in time for Ash Wednesday. I hope you like it. I am also sending my Reflection for the 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time; it will be in the Burning Bush VLOG tomorrow, Friday.

With prayers and all good wishes,

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