



Newsletter: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear All,

I am pleased to send you 2 items that may be of interest to you as follow-up to the visit of Pope Francis to Iraq:

- A Reflection on the visit for the Burning Bush VLOG for this weekend, which is attached.
- The text of a Podcast focusing on St Ephrem for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March, the Saint most revered in Iraq.

Both of these pick up on the lessons of the Holy Father's visit. Soon you will be hearing about a Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians from Archbishop Bernard to take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. I am grateful to Dr Subhi Zora for his help in filling me in on the background to the Chaldean Church in Iraq; the places Pope Francis visited; and the key people he met.

I found a Podcast by Gerard O'Connell, Correspondent for America Magazine in Rome, very enlightening. He was on the visit with other journalists and provides very useful insights. I am providing a [link](#) to that with this Newsletter.

Life continues despite the Pandemic: I hope you are looking forward to Holy Week and Easter. Then, we can plan for life being a bit more normal after Easter!

With prayers and all good wishes,

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