

Newsletter: Sunday 22nd August 2021

Dear All,

I was pleased to have a good meeting with Canon Richard Walker this week and to update him on my ministry with Ethnic Chaplaincies, Eparchies and Missions. He was able to assure me of his concern to support you in your vital work in the Diocese; sometimes, due to the changing circumstances with the new Deaneries being planned for the future, and other matters to do with new Parish Partnerships, it takes time to deal with concerns I raise on your behalf. I was able to speak with him about some of the good things I see happening and have experienced with you, not least this past week my attendance at the Cameroonian Chaplaincy Mass with the retired Archbishop of Barmenda. It was a great occasion and the Chaplain Father Julius deserves warm congratulations on gathering all his flock after the difficulties of the Pandemic. On that same occasion it was great to meet Father Thomas Chacko MST who does such important work with the Syro-Malabar Community in Wolverhampton, Walsall and Telford. Father Thomas is waiting for a new placement, but is staying temporarily with Father Julius.

I am attaching a Podcast on St Bartholomew Apostle of Armenia for the coming week; I found it interesting to research the history of the Christian Churches in Armenia; the Catholic Church is now based in Lebanon as one of the 22 Eastern Rite Churches. Also attached is my reflection for the 21st Sunday which you will find as the Burning Bush VLOG on Our Lady of Good Counsel Ethnic Chaplaincies Website from tomorrow.

All good wishes and prayers,

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