

Sacramental Preparation online

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, and the recommendations that meeting with people outside of your household must be kept to a minimum, the Vicariate for Faith & Mission is seeking to establish catechist community networks to offer support in engaging with formation online. Several resources will become available for this over the coming months, and the vicariate is available for any questions that arise. It is hoped that we can journey alongside each other at this difficult time, sharing ideas and creating resources where there may be gaps. We would like to invite catechists to attend one of the online sessions at 7pm on Wednesday 21st October (Confirmations) and Thursday 22nd October (First Holy Communions). New and experienced catechists are all welcome to come, share and find out more about sacramental preparation online.

To register to attend one of the meetings or for more information, please email adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

RCIA

Registration remains open for new enquirers wishing to join the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme 2020-21.

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A letter sent from Fr Tony Chantry who often visits us.

How extraordinary are the times in which we live! Life has changed, and we are all struggling to meet the challenges this presents to our world, our society and our Church.

My own fears for the future and anxieties in the present are tempered only by the courage I gain from knowing that the Lord is with us, and it is he who will lead us safely through this crisis. Please be assured that we are praying for you, that the Lord will bless you in all you are doing in the service of His Kingdom.

I hope that you have received your copy of *Mission Today* for World Mission Sunday 2020. I also hope that you will find the accompanying leaflet with liturgy notes and parish inserts useful. They are also available on our website www.missio.org.uk/wms and if you need any additional material, please email info@missio.org.uk

In this time of international turmoil and uncertainty, World Mission Sunday is an opportunity for the global family of the Catholic Church to stand together in solidarity, prayer and faith.

Each parish throughout the world celebrates being part of a worldwide Church, giving what they can for the benefit of those most in need. We offer the hand of friendship and encouragement to our sisters and brothers in poorer countries, and to missionaries across the world who are proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who have not yet heard it.

It is clear that the needs of the Church in Africa and Asia are greater than ever. I receive many requests from Bishops, Priests and Religious for help so that they can continue serving their people. They ask for our prayers and support. Any help we can give them at the moment will make a huge difference to their lives and to the future of our Church.

Please take a look at our **new children's activity sheets** for every Sunday in October, which are available on the World Mission Sunday page www.missio.org.uk/wms

Pope Francis encourages us to hope and trust in the Lord. In his [message for World Mission Sunday](#), he reminds us that 'in a context profoundly marked by the COVID-19 pandemic, we must not be discouraged because mission is not the fruit of human capacity but belongs to God. He sent his Son Jesus Christ and today he sends every baptised person.'

With my prayers and very best wishes for a fruitful celebration of World Mission Sunday,

Father Tony

