

SYNOD 2021 – 2023 For a synodal Church communion participation mission

The versions for the newsletter

Week 1: January 22/23

1. **COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY**

As a community what can we do to encourage those who are not involved or who feel marginalised. How can we help them and encourage them?

2. **LISTENING**

How can we become more perceptive to the needs of others without being judgemental?

Week 2: January 29/30

3. **SPEAKING OUT**

What stops us from speaking with courage, freedom, truth, and charity?
When do we manage to do so?

4. **CELEBRATION**

What role do prayer and liturgical celebrations have in our lives? Do they effect the most important decisions? What opportunities and encouragement are there for participating in the church in the ministries of lector, acolyte, catechist?

Week 3: February 5/6

6. **DIALOGUE IN CHURCH AND SOCIETY AND**

7. **ECUMENISM**

People from different backgrounds benefit from coming together to talk about what we share, and overcome problems in areas where we differ. Examples include:

- Families where parents are from different cultures/religious/Christian denominations;
- Schools (eg St Winefride's Primary) where pupils may be from Catholic or non-Catholic families.

In such situations, what do we do well, and what can we do better?

Week 4: February 12/13

8. **AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPATION**

Who is responsible (e.g parish groups, clergy or individual roles) for what happens in our church? Do parish groups have any responsibility or influence working together with the clergy? Has it has been a beneficial experience for parishioners involvement in church life? How can we can improve everyone's participation and influence shaping the future?

9. **DISCERNING AND DECIDING**

Does the way the church makes decisions help us listen to parishioners, the wider local community and the Holy Spirit ? How do we improve it? Are parishioners consulted before major decisions are made within the parish? What is best way of doing this?

Week 5: February 19/20

5. **SHARING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR COMMON MISSION**

What stops us from being active members of the parish? What do we do to help others in their work of serving community (eg education, business, promoting social justice etc) What areas are we good at supporting? And which have we neglected?

10. **FORMING OURSELVES IN SYNODALITY**

How does our church community help one another to work together as a team, accompanying one another to live out the Gospel? How can we learn to include everyone in our decisions and parish life and listen and be guided by the Holy Spirit?

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