

NEWSLETTER

24th April 2022

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: 24th APRIL

Ceremonies, including Mass, will take place in the Cathedral on Sun 24th April at 2.30pm.

DO THIS IN MEMORY MASS

Tues 26th April at 6.30pm. This is the final Mass of preparation for First Communion Class.

INSTALLATION OF BISHOP MICHAEL DUIGNAN

On Sunday 1st May, our new bishop Michael Duignan will be formally installed as our Bishop, in the Cathedral at 3.00pm. If you would like to represent this Parish, please contact the Priory Office 091 582884 not later than Fri of Easter week – 22nd April.

ROSARY IN MAY

Rosary each evening at 7.00pm (NB!) at the Grotto (weather permitting).

FIRST COMMUNION

Saturday 14th May at 11.30am. Boys/Girls from second class, with their families and teachers are now making final preparations

SYNOD PATH

Pope Francis' invitation to all the Baptised to share more fully in the life of the Church through the exercise of Synodality is receiving a positive response in Parishes across the country. In this Parish, we will shortly be making arrangements to engage with the process.

EASTER DUES

Once again, we appeal to you to support us with your Easter Dues contributions. The proceeds help to meet the costs involved in the running of our Church and halls.

TROCAIRE BOXES

Trocaire boxes can be handed in at the Priory Office. Your generosity enables Trocaire to maintain support for all their projects.

POPE FRANCIS' INVITATION : Synodal Path : The Way Forward

Back in October 2021, Pope Francis opened preparations for the 2023 Synod of Bishops' Gathering in Rome which will focus on the theme "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission". In simple terms, this Synod focuses on how we are operating and journeying as a Church in this third millennium.

The invitation that Pope Francis has extended to all inside and outside the Church, invites each person across the globe to reflect on their experience of Church and articulate their own sense of where God can be found in their community, their lives and, indeed, in the world at large.

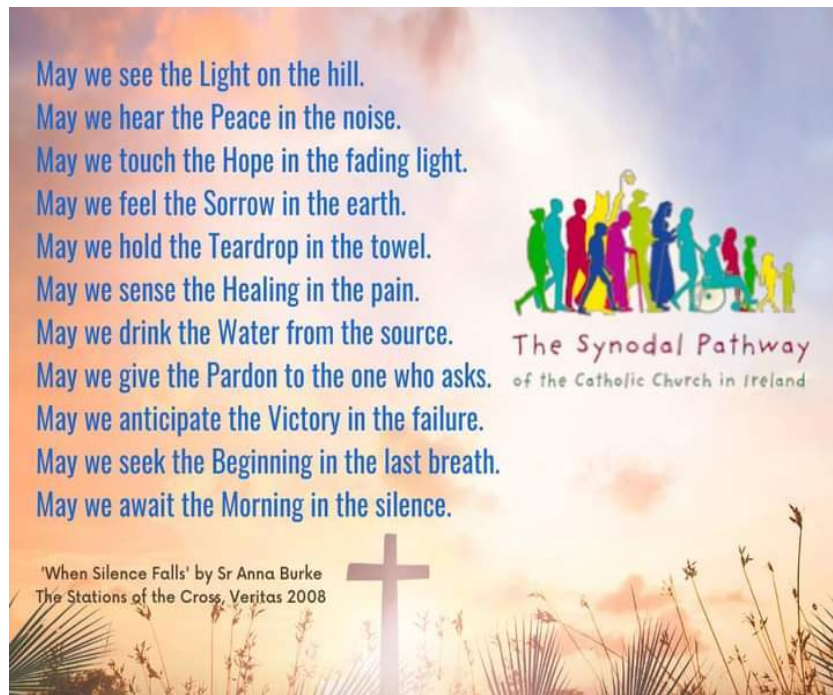
The concept and language of Synodality is something new and perhaps difficult for many to understand, yet it offers great promise for the future in that it is grounded in an ancient way of being Church that stretches back to the earliest Church communities of the first millennium.

A Synodal Church is one that **listens** deeply, journeys with all God's people regardless of their position in Church and society, and, most importantly, a Synodal Church **respects the gifts** we each have by virtue of our baptism and the fraternal bonds that this calls us to as Catholic Christians living in Community.

This Synod on Synodality represents the largest consultation of all God's People in recent, if not all of Church history and, therefore, this unique moment is to be seen as special.

On commencing this journey, the Holy See in Rome produced a series of documents to help each Diocese and their communities on the journey to the October 2023 Synod. In one of those documents, the Vademecum, we are warned of the "The temptation to treat the Synod as a kind of a parliament" and that these conversations should not be treated as a "political battle in which, in order to govern, one side must defeat the other". This Synodal pathway and the Synodal church it strives to create is one whereby the Holy Spirit is the agent and one whereby prayer, encounter and relationship are the primary characteristics. The Synodal pathway instituted by Pope Francis is only the beginning of a longer journey and the way ahead will surely be challenging as we endeavour to learn this new way of being Church, but it also offers hope and the promise of a vibrant and authentic way of living our Catholic Christian faith. This process has begun in the Galway Diocese and we hope to initiate it in our own Parish shortly.

To learn more about Synodality and the ability of all to sense where God moves in our lives you can access further information on the website of the Galway Diocese.



SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.