

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

7th November 2021 Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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THE WAY FORWARD TOGETHER

Two weekends ago we heard a letter from our Archbishop John Wilson about the forthcoming Synod that will be taking place in Rome 2023. To help prepare for the Synod, the church throughout the whole world has been invited to take part in a process of listening to the Holy Spirit and discerning how we are being called to bring the Mission of the church further in to our world and be more fruitful. This means that the people of the church, every one of us, must have their opportunity to listen and share what we believe is the best way forward.

As a result, there shall be three meetings in the parish to ask parishioners to express their views on this subject. The meetings will be on the themes **Communion, Participation and Mission**. To help with our responses we are asked to look at a few questions which will help to guide us. The meetings will be held at **7:00pm** on.

Friday 12th November 2021: Communion:

Focus questions will be

1. What are the ways in which your parish most successfully brings people together?
2. In which areas of parish life are you able to discern the presence and movement of the Holy Spirit?
3. Christ is present as the Head of the Church. How is this shown in our parish and Community?
4. How is the Holy Eucharist the main focal point in our parish life?

Friday 19th November: Participation

1. Reflecting on the past 16 months of the pandemic, how has participation in your parish been affected?
2. How do you participate currently in the life of the parish?
3. Which groups or individuals are least included in your parish and what might be the best way to reach them?