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Raising awareness: Synod and Synod Gatherings in St Mary's Parish

Pope Francis is inviting all Catholics, the baptised and anyone of good faith all across the world to take part in a time of prayerful reflection, listening and sharing, so that we can better hear the voice of God's Spirit, to help direct the Church into the future. This listening phase is part of a journey that will lead to a meeting of Church Leaders for a Synod in Rome in 2023.

"Synod" simply means 'journeying together' and there have been many synods since the time of the early Church. The Universal Synod (or synod for the whole world) next year will focus on how we can journey together better, or be more synodal, as a Church going forward. We are also hoping that this listening will help with a National Synod here in Ireland which is due to take place in the next 4 or 5 years.

You are warmly invited to two Synodal gatherings in March here in St Mary's Parish during the season of Lent. These gatherings will be an opportunity to share and listen to each other's experience of Church, in an organised, gentle and prayerful environment. This invitation is for everyone, those who come to church and those who do not, and the feedback from the gatherings will be collected and passed onto Church leaders in time for the 2023 Synod.

Two people in our parish called Animators have been trained to lead two gatherings in a reflective, prayerful atmosphere. The time and place of the gatherings will follow later. Questions will be presented each evening and people will get into small groups to share on each question and listen to each other. Each small group will have a leader who will help everyone to have the opportunity to share and will collect the feedback from the group. Please remember we are being asked to listen with understanding, to respect each other's experiences, and to try to walk in the other person's shoes. It is not an opportunity to debate or convince someone of our opinions.

It is a Church synod, which means it is the People of God's synod: it is a forum for listening attentively to one another with compassion, given the diverse experiences of Church, good and bad; we are aware there is much harm and much to repent of in the recent history of the institution. We try to discern what is the Holy Spirit calling us to be as Church into the future. We pray each day at Mass the Synodal Prayer that the Spirit may guide us and that we may be open to his promptings.

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The Spirit is the driving force of the life of the Church and of every Christian who seeks to discern what God is saying to the Church. It is not just reading the signs of the times on the surface of life, but in life's depth. "Put out into the deep!" Let us be attentive to the voice of Christ. May his Spirit guide us as we seek his way: a way with each other, the Lord and the world.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell

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Lenten Meditation

Every Saturday evening during Lent between 7— 8 PM , we will have some special time for Lenten meditation and silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. We invite members of St Mary's and the Croatian community to take part in this special time of reflection and prayer. The service will also be streamed via the parish webcam and can be accessed at <https://www.stmaryshaddingtonroad.ie>.

The Synodal Pathway — Explanatory Video

To gain additional insight into the Synodal Pathway, the Archdiocese of Dublin has prepared a short video which is available at this web page: https://youtu.be/NZCY_zfjT6M.

Video content includes:

- What are we being invited to take part in?
- What is a Synodal Pathway?
- How will it look locally?
- Next steps

IN MEMORIAM

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6pm Vigil: Margaret Walsh, Michael Lyons
 9:30am: Michael Meagher 1st Anniversary
 Stephanie Meagher
 11am: Joe Madigan 1st Anniversary
 Recently deceased: Mary Gately

St. Mary's Parish Events

Spring 2022

2 March	Ash Wednesday
14 March 5:45pm	Pastoral Council Meeting
26 March 7:30pm	Church: Dublin Symphony Orchestra Concert
7 April 11am	Confirmation: St. Christopher's School
8 April 11am	Confirmation: St. Conleth's and John Scotus
10 April 6pm	Vigil Palm Sunday Mass: Piccolo Lasso Choir
11 April	Holy Week begins
17 April 11am Easter Sunday	Mozart's Missa Brevis: Lassus Choir
6 May 11am	Confirmation: St Declan's Special School
7 May 11am	First Communion: St. Conleth's College
16 May 5:45pm	Pastoral Council Meeting
21 May 11am	First Communion: St. Christopher's School
12 June 11am Trinity Sunday	Mass of Thanksgiving
25 June 11:00am	St John's Day Mass: Order of Malta

Mass Times

Sundays:

Vigil, 6pm (Saturday), 9.30am, 11am, 5pm
 Croatian Community Mass 6.30pm
 French-speaking community Mass 2nd and 4th
 Sundays of the month at 12.30pm

Daily Mass: 10am

Rosary: daily after 10am Mass

Baptisms

1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

Request forms available from Parish Office.

Marriages

For the use of St Mary's Church and Prenuptial enquiries please contact the Parish Office (open Monday — Thursday , 10.30am - 3pm).

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