

The Synod

Pope Francis is inviting us to discern individually and collectively where the Holy Spirit is calling us as Church. The themes from the title of the Synod can help in understanding why now is the right time for this to take place:

a. Communion – bringing the people together as communities in the local Church allows prayerful insight into the ways of the Holy Spirit. When the Church gathers for the Eucharist we gain self-understanding of our mission. Dialogue at this level is to be rooted in the life of the ecclesial communities and parishes.

b. Participation – The past 15 months of pandemic form the context of how the Catholic Church in England and Wales reflects on the future, revitalising its mission of bringing the Good News to all. The gentle invitation to the full practice of Catholic life, with the Eucharist at the centre, is an integral part of this walking together.

c. Mission – understanding the local situation will feed into an overview of the mission for the diocese. Like the tesserae of a mosaic, a picture is built up so that the mission to all is firmly rooted in the life of the local worshipping community. We gather, by gentle invitation by the Lord, to worship him, to be sanctified by him and to exercise both an individual and collective prophetic voice.

The Admin and Faith Team will be making resources will be made available for individual and group discernment.

More information on Bishop Robert's letter to us last week is available on the parish website.

Climate Crisis

Between 31 October and 12 November, governments from across the world will meet in Glasgow to discuss how to tackle the climate emergency. This year many people have met with their MP and signed our petition if you haven't, or you're not sure – it won't count you twice) to urge our own government to play a leading role in keeping temperature rises below 1.5°C, and to put the needs of marginalised communities at the heart of these talks. On Saturday 6 November many CAFOD supporters will be on the streets on the Global Day of Action for the Climate, along with others around the world, to demand the same.

COP26

COP26 will take place between 31 October and 12 November in Glasgow. 20,000 delegates from around the world will be attending and 100 world leaders including American President Joe Biden. Pope Francis has confirmed he will be attending too.

Please see the website for more details.

World Mission Sunday 24th Oct

World Mission Sunday is on the penultimate Sunday in October each year. It's the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together to support mission. And every single donation from these worldwide Masses goes to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

Every Catholic community, in every country, sends a powerful message of faith, hope and love on this special day. This is our chance to show love and solidarity to our global Church family. Through our prayers, we support missionaries everywhere in spreading the Good News. And by donating we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked

In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis says: 'Jesus needs hearts capable of experiencing vocation as a true love story that urges them to go forth to the peripheries of our world as messengers and agents of compassion'.

To donate follow link <https://missio.org.uk/wmsdonate/>

There will be a retiring collection in all three parishes next week.