

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

**GREETING**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.  
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**THE GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Jeremiah 17:5-8**

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.**  
The Lord says this:  
'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'  
**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 1:1-4.6**

- R. Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.**
- Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. **[R]**
  - He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **[R]**
  - Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind; For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **[R]**

**SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 15:12. 16-20**  
**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.**

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.  
**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL Luke 6:17. 20 - 26**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**  
Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of

their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:  
'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'  
**The Gospel of the Lord.**  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, All bow for following three lines: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Pray brothers and sisters, .....  
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

**SANCTUS**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.....

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

Behold the Lamb of God, .....  
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**CONCLUDING RITE**

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.  
May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**  
Go in peace, **Thanks be to God.**



**focus on sunday**

It is all too easy to trust in our own possessions - and the more we have the easier it is. But they are all temporary. If we put our trust in the Resurrection and live in its spirit then we shall inherit eternal life.



She was an adult in her late forties and was in touch with many people. She had a 'nose' for a tragedy or something difficult in someone's life. She had been through a lot herself in family and her job. She knew a lot of pain from the inside. Sometimes admittedly she jumped in too quickly to share someone's pain. She carried a lot of others' pain and could sometimes go under in that.

Overall, we could say she was able to mourn, a type of person called blessed by Jesus. Mourning is eased by the care and the listening of others. It is a constant of life and none of us have been untouched by it. Jesus speaks often in contrasts and contrasts here mourning and laughing. Maybe Matthew puts it better: 'they shall be comforted.'

There are many others called blessed in the gospel: the gentle, the poor in spirit, and the hungry. They will experience a change in their lives and find the kingdom of heaven and the hungry will be filled. Maybe this will happen through the community of God's people. We are called to be the comfort of God in many areas of life for his people.

We live the Beatitudes by watching how Jesus lived them. Pope Francis says: 'in the Beatitudes we find a portrait of the Master, which we are called to reflect in our daily lives.' (G et E, 63).

Lord, may your kingdom come.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

**Jesus' Story** Liam Hickey

Jesus was a superstar. He made people feel good. Sometimes, when people wanted Him, He went hiding. I wonder why? All beauty, joy, sport, success are gifts on loan from God. When we forget to say thanks for these gifts, we are not growing in love, and God is Love. When I see people lighting candles, I think they are doing what Jesus did...giving thanks in the quiet, for the gifts of life, to Our God of Love.



**Sunday Masses:**

**SS John & Paul (Webcam):** Friday 7pm;  
Saturday 6:30 pm; Sunday 10 am and 12:15 pm  
**Mary Immaculate Church - Saturday 12 noon;**  
Sunday 9 am and 11 am

**Weekday Masses:**

10 am Mon-Fri Mary Immaculate  
7 pm Thursday SS John & Paul Church (Webcam)

**SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**Parish Office: 4, Dún na Ri, Shannon**  
**Tel 061 363243**

**Tuesdays & Wednesdays:** 9.30am - 12.30pm  
(lunch 12.30pm-1.30pm) 1.30pm - 5.30pm  
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Parish App



**13 February 2022**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sympathy:** To the family of Robert (Bob) Stackpoole, Carrig Lia whose cremation took place last Wednesday. To Rose Nolan, Carrig Lia on the death of her sister-in-law Jean Bevan who died in Spain. Mass will be celebrated for the late Jean on Sunday 20th February at 10am in SS John & Paul Church. May their souls rest in God's eternal peace.

**Months Mind Mass** This Sunday 13th February for Marie Kelly at 12.15pm in SS John & Paul Church. Next Friday at 18th February for Joe Monaghan at 7pm in SS John & Paul Church.

**First Anniversary Masses** This Sunday 13th February for Christy Sherlock at 10am in SS John & Paul Church. This Sunday 13th February for Breege Sweeney at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church. Next Friday 18th February for Lynn Connolly at 7pm in SS John & Paul Church.

**Anniversaries:** Mary & Oliver McPadden, Kathleen Forde, Michael Coughlan, Theresa McMahan, Jack McGrath, Mary Allen, Rose France, Breda, Tom & Joe Murphy, Margaret Dunlea.

**Thank you for your wonderful support to the parish.**

As well as the usual way to donate to your parish you can also use our new method of using the QR code (here) which is also placed at the doors and shrines of our Church's, Adoration Chapel Notice Board, and Parish Office. It's another easy way for you to support your parish using your smart phone.



**Parish Tax Rebate Scheme:** If you are part of the Tax Rebate Scheme where the parish benefits, you're new box of envelopes are available in the sacristy. If you're interested in being part of the scheme please contact the Parish Office for details.

**Mass and Baptismal Bookings:** Baptisms celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Saturday every month. If you are intending to book a Mass or a baptism we would ask you to book through the Parish Office. Email [office@shannonparish.ie](mailto:office@shannonparish.ie) or phone 363243.

**Last Sundays collection:** €2,137. Míle Buíochas.

The next **Second Collection** in the parish to support New Ministries will be taken up on the weekend of February 25-27th.

**Adoration Chapel:** Monday to Friday 2-6pm daily.



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Adoration on Sunday in SS John and Paul resumes on January 9th from 2-6pm

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS/CONFIRMATIONS**

**St Aidan's:**  
First Communion May 6th at 11am in SS John and Paul Church  
Confirmation April 29th at 11am in SS John and Paul Church

**St Conaire's:**  
First Communion May 7th at 11am 1.30pm in SS John and Paul Church  
Confirmation on May 14th at 11am and 1.30pm in SS John and Paul Church

**St Tola's:**  
First Communion April 30th at 10.30am in Mary Immaculate Church  
Confirmation on May 6th at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church

**St Senan's:**  
First Communion on May 13th at 12noon in Mary Immaculate Church  
Confirmation on May 20th at 12noon in Mary Immaculate Church

**Gaelscoil Donncha Rua:**  
First Communion and Confirmation on April 29th at 1.30pm in SS John and Paul Church.

*Wishing all our families every blessing!*

**Prayer intentions of the Holy Father for 2022**  
**FEBRUARY -For religious sisters and consecrated women**  
We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

**New Parish Secretary**

On March 1st our Parish Secretary Teresa Woods will retire having given 17 wonderful years of dedication and loyalty to our parish.



We thank God and say 'Thank You' Teresa for everything you have done, but especially as you mirrored the face of Christ to the countless numbers who called to the office, and for all the assistance and support you have offered.

We wish you a very happy retirement and God's blessing for the next stage of your life, for you and Gerry.

Jemma McEvoy will assume her role as Parish Secretary on March 1st. We wish Jemma every blessing and good wishes.

From March 1st the Parish Office Hours will change to longer hours of opening - Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 1pm, and 2pm to 5pm. We continue to look forward to serving our community through the blessings of the parish office.



**A Gentle Reminder** the wearing of masks or face visors, and sanitising of hands is mandatory in the Church.  
**Do continue to stay safe.**

**Some of the Feast Days this Week include:**

Monday February 14 - Saints Cyril and Methodius, and St Valentine!

*Saint Valentine was a 3rd-century Roman saint, commemorated in Western Christianity on February 14 and in Eastern Orthodoxy on July 6. From the High Middle Ages his Saints' Day has been associated with a tradition of courtly love. He is also a patron saint of Terni, epilepsy and beekeepers.*

Tuesday February 15 Saints Jovita and Faustinus, Saint Claude

Wednesday February 16 Saint Juliana of Nicomedia

Thursday February 17 - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order, Ambrose of Milan. St Fintan

*Saint Fintan of Clonenagh*  
*Saint Fintan was born in Leinster. He received his religious formation in Terryglass, Co. Tipperary under the abbot Colum, and was deeply influenced by his penitential practices and the severity of the Rule. Fintan made his own foundation in Clonenagh, Co. Laois. He died in 603.*

Friday February 18 St Bernadette Soubirous (France) and April 16))

*Bernadette Soubirous, also known as Saint Bernadette of Lourdes, was the firstborn daughter of a miller from Lourdes, in the department of Hautes-Pyrénées in France, and is best known for experiencing 18 Marian apparitions of a "young lady" who asked for a chapel to be built at the nearby cave-grotto at Massabielle and proclaimed Herself as the 'Immaculate Conception'.*

Saturday February 19 Saints Baoithin, Odran, Boniface of Lausanne, Publius, Marcellus, Belina, Beatus, Conon of Alexandria, Conrad of Piacenza, Dositheus, Gabinus George of Lodève Saint Martyrs of Palestine, Zambdas of Jerusalem, Valerius of Antibes, Quodvultdeus, Proclus of Bisignano, Mansuetus of Milan, Lucia Yi Zhenmei, Auxibius of Soli, Barbatus of Benevento

*When is your Christian Name Saints Feast Day?*

Visit [www.universalis.com/today](http://www.universalis.com/today) and each day you will find information on Saint/Blessed of the Day.

A powerpoint update on our Synodal Pathway for your information is attached to this newsletter.



# **Introduction to the The Synodal Pathway in the Killaloe Diocese**



**Pope Francis has called a Synod of the whole Church. Everyone is called to be involved. The Synod began last October and will culminate in Rome in 2023. Every parish and diocese is asked to give input.**



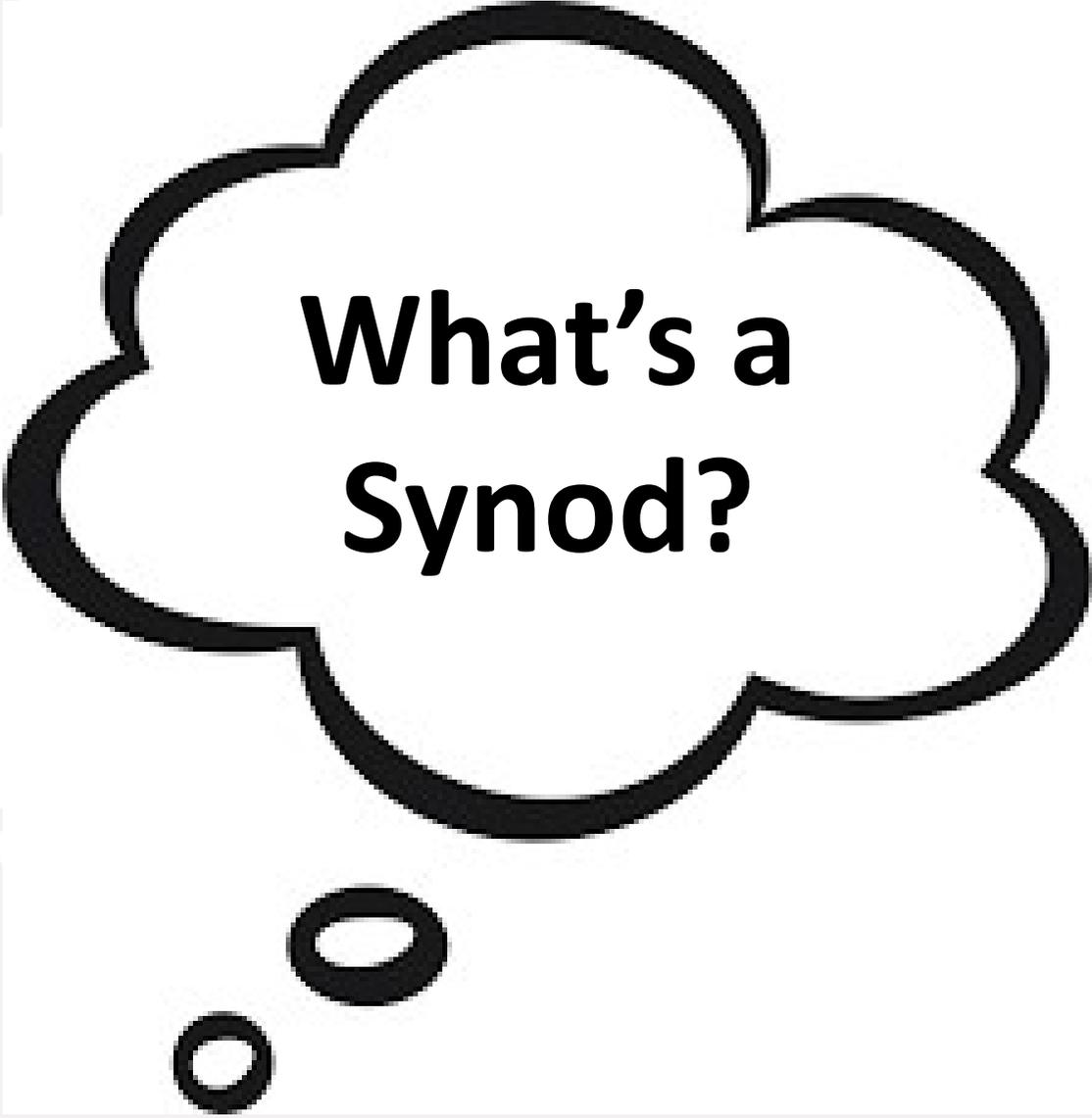
We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

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.



**What's a  
Synod?**



**Syn**

**Hodos**

*The meaning of the word  
“Synod” is “journeying  
together”*

*A Journey ... a pathway ...*

*A Church which walks  
together*

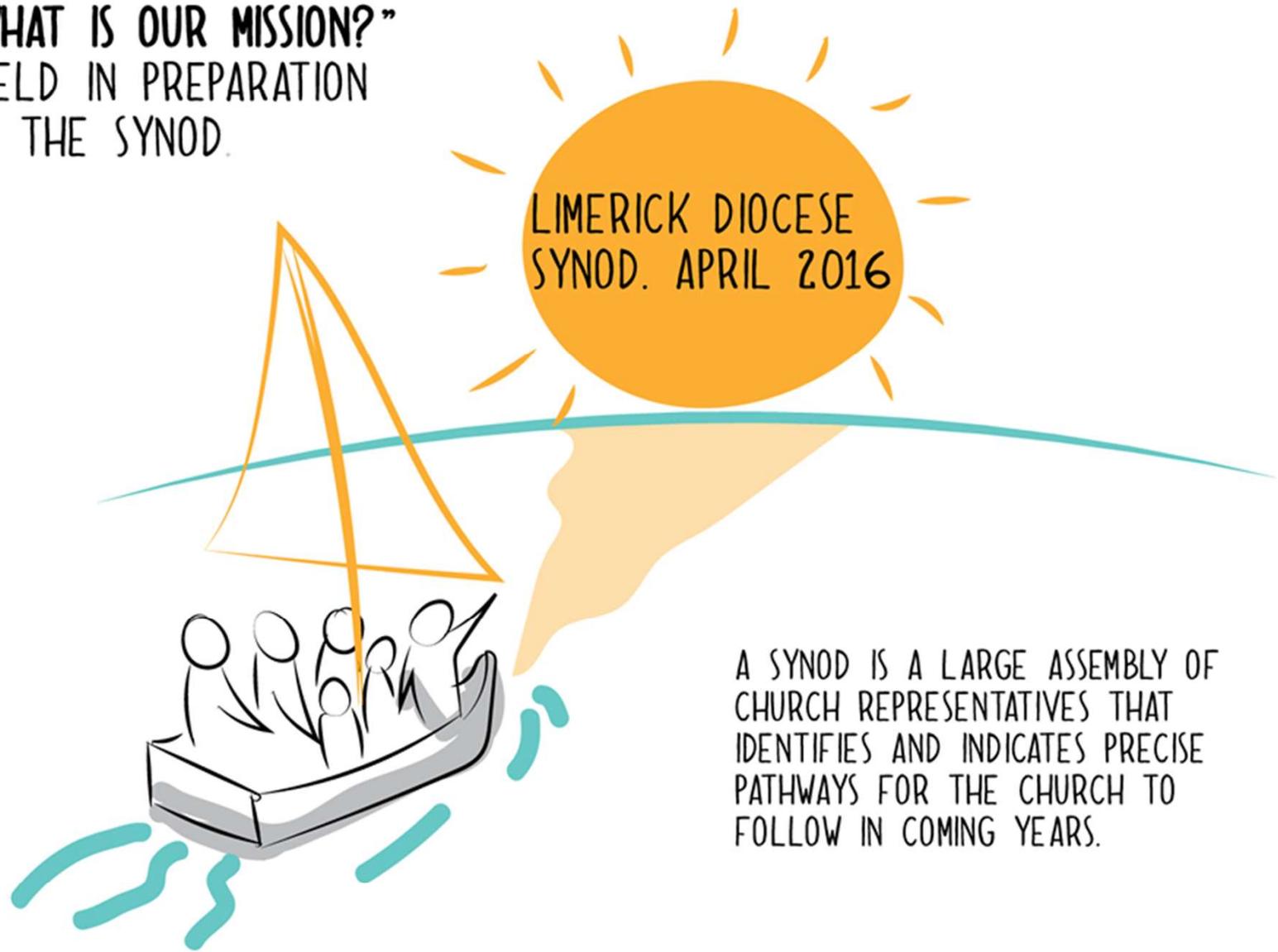
*A way of being Church ...  
Synodality*

**... an Event ...**



**A meeting of the Bishops from around the world to consider issues of critical importance to the life of the Church.**

**“LIMERICK: WHAT IS OUR MISSION?”**  
IS BEING HELD IN PREPARATION  
FOR THE SYNOD.



A SYNOD IS A LARGE ASSEMBLY OF CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES THAT IDENTIFIES AND INDICATES PRECISE PATHWAYS FOR THE CHURCH TO FOLLOW IN COMING YEARS.





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**The Bishops of Ireland have called a Synod for which preparations will begin next year.**

**This is to look at the future of the Irish Church.**

**The last National Synod was held in Thurles in 1850. Brought huge change.**



**For this year (2022) our focus is on the Global Synod which is on the theme of Synodality.**

**Pope Francis asks us as Christian Communities to reflect on how we are becoming a Church which is synodal, how we are becoming a listening Church which walks together.**

**By taking part in this process, we will learn what it means to be a Synodal Church.**





...our single most important pursuit is to seek to hear the voice of the Spirit.

**What is the Spirit saying to the Church at this time?**

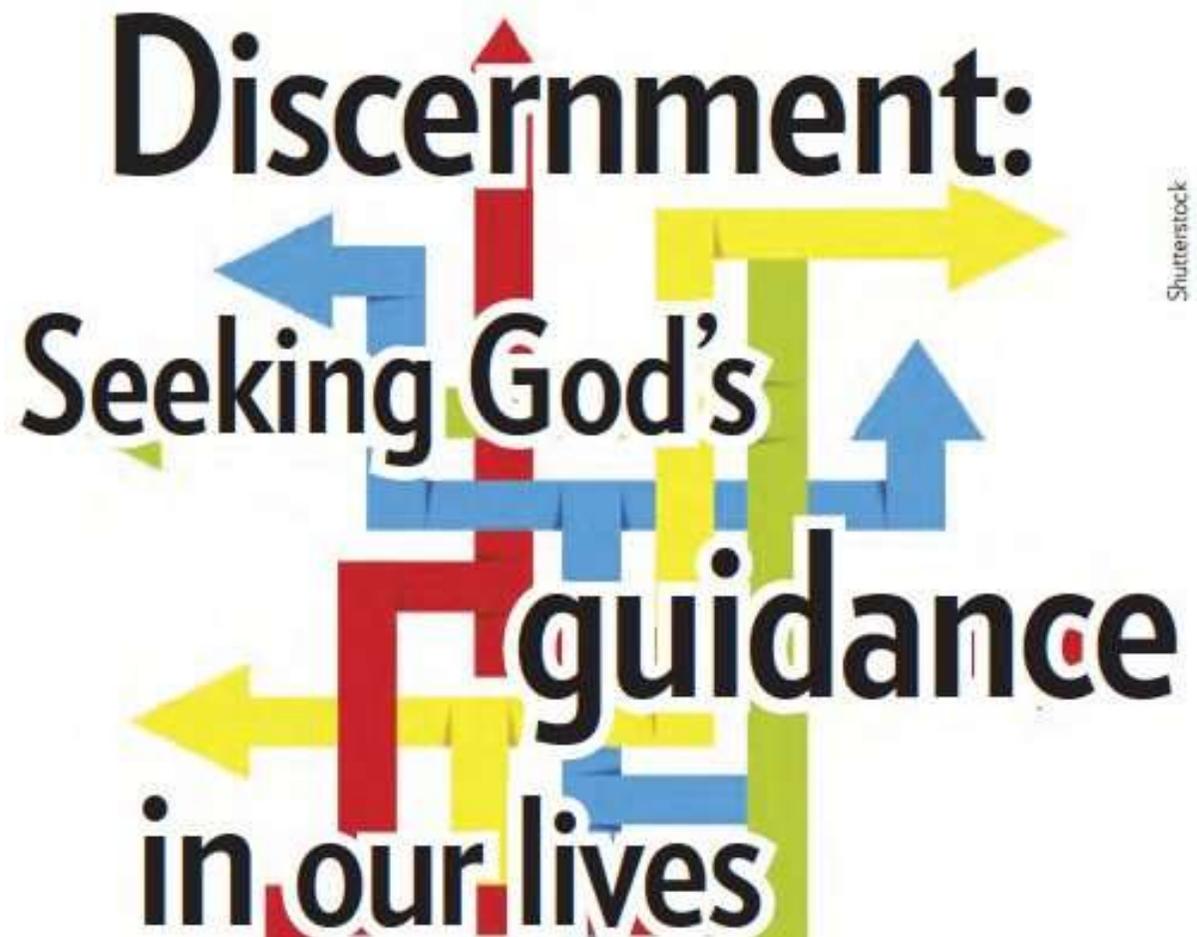
# Listening to the Spirit and listening to each other



**Not a debate ... not a discussion...**

**A time of  
Reflection  
Prayer  
Discernment**

**Discernment:  
Seeking God's  
guidance  
in our lives**



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**Pope Francis believes that the Church for the third millennium must be synodal, collegial, an 'inverted pyramid', in which the People of God are primary and the hierarchy in all its forms are there to serve the People in whom the Holy Spirit is present.**



Pope

Cardinals

Archbishops

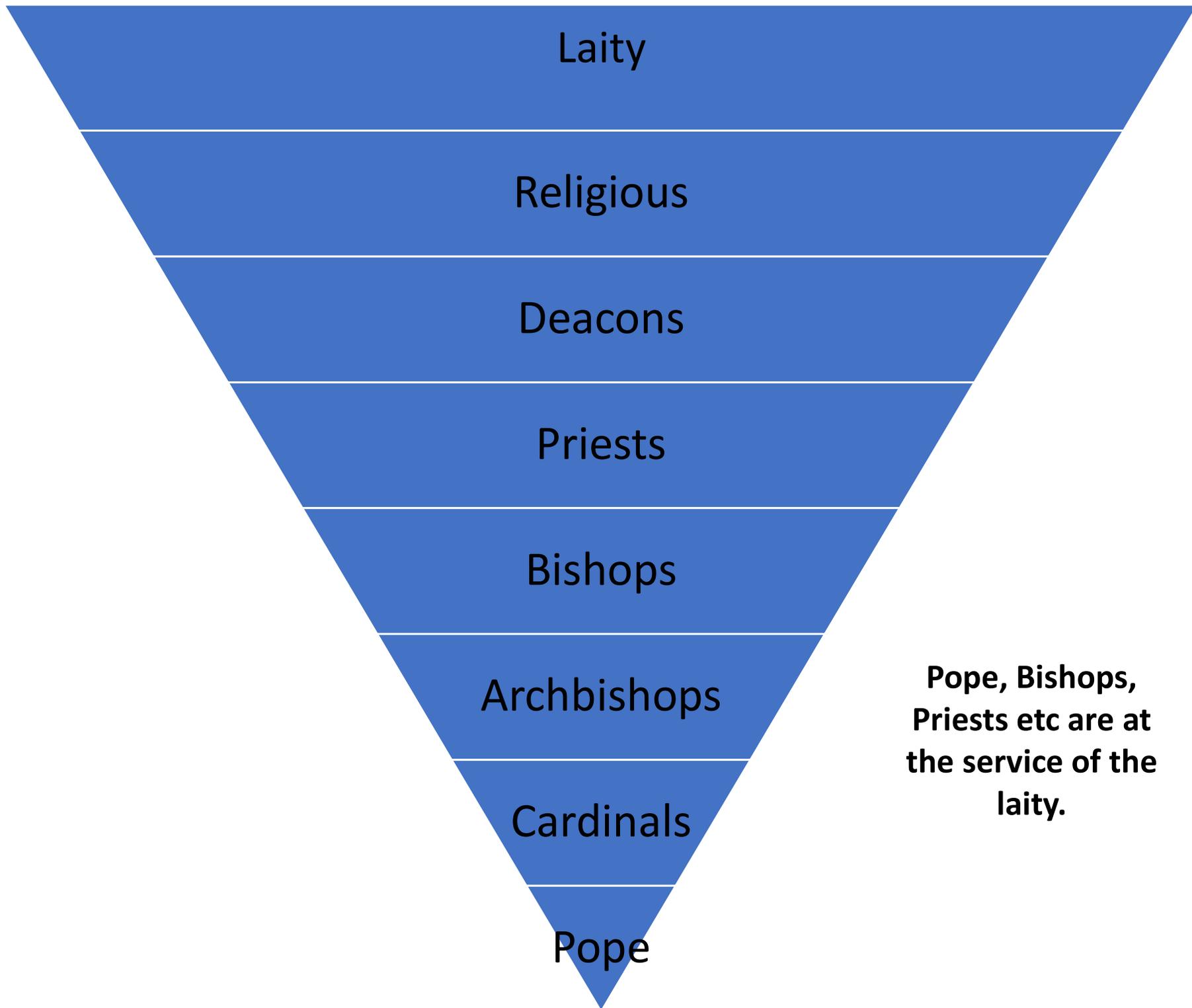
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**Pope, Bishops,  
Priests etc are at  
the service of the  
laity.**

- Pope Francis is trying to encourage a more adult, participatory Church, where there is greater involvement by lay people in all aspects of the life of the Church, including decision-making.

- He has convoked a Synod with a difference which will continue for two years.

- Pope Francis wants the Church in every place to have a voice at this Synod



For a synodal Church  
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- It's about involving the whole People of God in a process of consultation, listening and discernment.

- Biggest consultation process ever undertaken...

- Pope Francis has asked that consultation take place in every parish in the world

- And that every effort be made to reach out to those who feel outside the Church



# Synodal Process 2021 – 2022

## Stages and Phrases

### ● First Phase: October - December 2021

- Diocesan Opening Liturgy 17<sup>th</sup> October Ennis Cathedral
- Initial Communications to All Parish Newsletters
- Develop a Communication Strategy/Plan
- Determine Questions to be presented (DPC)

### ● Second Phase: January – February 2022

- Communication to Local Parish/Pastoral Area Groups
- Zoom Meetings with Priests/ Pastoral Councils & interested others
- Training sessions for Local Facilitators (February)

### ● Third Phase: March 2022

- Facilitated Local (Parish/Pastoral Area) Gatherings
- Feedback sent to Diocese
- Web Form Submissions (individuals)

### ● Fourth Phase: April - May 2022

- Diocesan Assemblies – East & West
- Collation of Feedback at Diocesan Level
- Final Form Submissions (individuals and meeting groups)

### ● Fifth Phase: June - July 2022

- Prepare Digital Submission
- Deliver Killaloe Submission to Bishops Conference







## **The Consultation Process or Synodal Process: Working out what we will do.**

A working group of 5/6 to be convened by each Parish. This will include members of the Pastoral Council(s) and others who are interested in being involved. This group may draw on others to help with different aspects of the process/

### **What needs to be thought about:**

- Will we do this as a Parish or a Pastoral Area?
- Who will be part of the listening/consultation process?
  - Those already involved in parish groups?
  - Those who participate in Church liturgies?
  - Those who participate occasionally?
  - Those who no longer participate?
  - Those who belong to other churches?
- How will information about the synodal process be communicated and to whom?
  - Parish newsletter updates; parish website & social media platforms; local papers etc.
- When will it happen? (The Diocese has designated first four weeks of March as a period of listening).
- Where will it be held? Will we have one meeting dividing up into smaller groups or a number of meetings in smaller groups.
- Who will facilitate the listening process?
  - (Are there people in the parish or pastoral area who would be comfortable facilitating or co-facilitating the process? (Training will be offered in February).
- Who will act as recorders/scribes at the conversations?