



**'Pope Francis is inviting all the baptized to participate in this Synodal Process that begins at diocesan level'**

(from the Vatican document *Vademecum* 2.1, which is the synod Handbook)

**Every member of Hartley parish is invited to take up this invitation from Pope Francis, by attending one or more of the 'Listening sessions' in the Meeting Room on:**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October after the 5.30 Mass to 8 pm finish  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November after the 9.30 Mass to 11.30 finish  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November after the 10.15 Mass to 12.30 finish  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 1.45 pm to 3pm finish

**Or via Zoom on:**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm to 9 pm finish

*Please book in advance through the parish website or parish office; numbers will be limited to accommodate social distancing.*

**Contact details for further information:** a dedicated email address will be available soon, meanwhile please email the parish office with 'synod' in the subject heading. Emails will then be forwarded to Phil Kerton and Anne Inman, our parish delegates to the diocesan synod.

**Overleaf:** topics you may wish to think about

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*All of us are called in virtue of our Baptism to be active participants in the life of the Church... **we are all invited to listen to one another in order to hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit.***

(*Vademecum* 1.2)

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## TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION

*A longer list of questions can be found on the diocesan website.*

*They look at three key words in the material from Rome:*

*“Communion”, “Participation”, “Mission”.*

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### **General:**

What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a synodal church?

What are your dreams and hopes for the synodal process? How would you like to see the Church develop its mission in the coming years?

### **Communion:**

1. What are the ways in which your parish most successfully brings people together?
2. How do you relate to members of the Church who have drifted away from practice? (Why have they drifted away from practice? Listen to them.)

### **Participation:**

3. Reflecting on 16 months of the pandemic, how has participation in our parish been affected? Were these issues there before?
4. How can we better enable full participation and co-responsibility in the life of the Church at the parish and diocesan levels?
5. Which groups and individuals are least included in your parish?
6. How can we broaden the way we include people whilst keeping always true to the Gospel and our core Christian identity?

### **Mission:**

7. How does the life of the parish, in terms of catechesis, adult formation, liturgy, etc. help parishioners to become missionary disciples?
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