

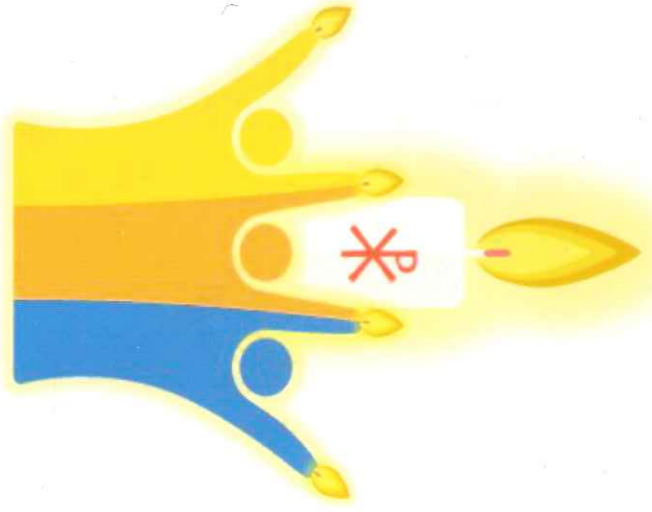
Together on the road

Archdiocese of Liverpool

**SYNOD 2020**

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Becoming the Church we are called to be



# A Synod for the Archdiocese of Liverpool

It is a long established practice in the Church to use the term 'Synod' for decisive meetings at significant times where members of the Church come together to review one or more issues and make decisions.

Over fifty years after the Second Vatican Council and in view both of the multiple challenges facing us as well as the opportunities that contemporary cultural changes afford us, we are at a significant moment in the history of our Archdiocese.

There is clear duty on us to discern carefully together what the Spirit is saying to the Church in the Archdiocese of Liverpool and agree on common goals and actions for the coming years.'



Malcolm McMahon OP  
Archbishop of Liverpool

## When will the Synod happen?

The Synod day itself will be in October 2020, but our participation in the journey to that day will determine what emerges from Synod 2020.

## Who is involved?

Everyone is invited to take part – people, priests, deacons, religious together with Archbishop Malcolm.

## Have other dioceses held Synods?

A number of dioceses throughout the world have held Synods in recent years. Search the web for:

- Limerick Synod 2016
- Detroit Synod 2016
- Archdiocese of Wellington 2017



## Find out more . . .

Come to any of these open meetings  
(no prior booking needed):

- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm to 9pm  
St Joseph's Church, Penketh WA5 2BB
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm to 9pm  
LACE, Liverpool L17 1AA
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 10am to 12noon  
St John's Mill, Isle of Man IM4 3AF
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm to 9pm  
Holy Rosary Church, Aintree L10 2LG
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm to 9pm  
St Mary's Church, Leyland PR25 1PD

Come Holy Spirit,  
fill our hearts with wisdom, love and courage.  
Guide us in prayer and action  
as we journey towards Synod 2020  
to become the Church you are calling us to be.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# The Spirit is at work in the bishops, priests and people of the Archdiocese

October 2020

## Synod

Members gather to vote on proposals resulting in recommendations to the Archbishop

September 2019 to September 2020

## Themes and Proposals

Reflection on themes emerging from the listening leading to generation of proposals

February to July 2019

## Listening

Members assist with listening & reflection in parishes & other places

November and December 2018

## Members

Parishes & Pastoral Areas choose members of the Synod

October 2018

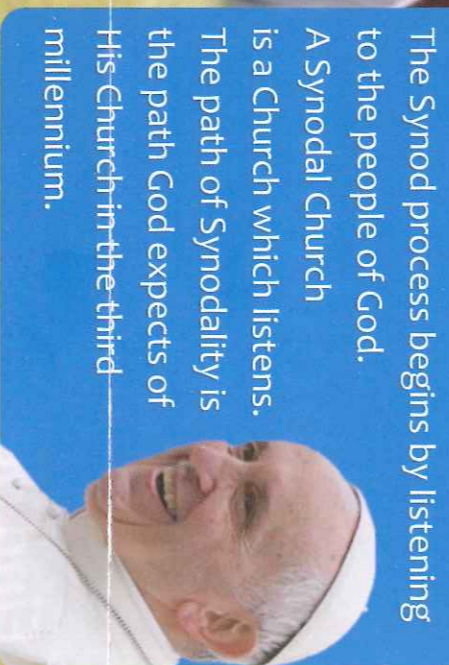
## Vision

Archbishop shares the vision behind Synod 2020 & details of our journey

October 2017 to September 2018

## Prayer

A year of prayer leading to the Eucharistic Congress: 'Focusing our gaze firmly on Christ is an excellent place to begin our own journey towards Synod 2020' – Archbishop Malcolm



The Synod process begins by listening to the people of God. A Synodal Church is a Church which listens. The path of Synodality is the path God expects of His Church in the third millennium.



# Our Synod Journey.....

The word 'Synod' means 'together on the road'. Through baptism, as members of the Church, the light of Christ sends us out into the world to live and spread the Good News. Our Synod journey gives us an opportunity to discern together how we might best remain faithful to that today: becoming the Church we are called to be.

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