

Members' Calendar

Synod Sunday 2019

Sunday 13 October 2019

Synod Themes are announced in the parishes of the Archdiocese

Exploration of the Synod Themes and Generation of Proposals in Parishes

Synod Theme 1

All called and gifted by God

Opens 20 October 2019

Closes 17 November 2019

Parish Proposals to Synod Office by 2 December 2019

Synod Theme 2

Sharing the mission of Jesus

Opens 17 November 2019

Closes 15 December 2019

Parish Proposals to Synod Office by 20 January 2020

Synod Theme 3

How we pray together

Opens 19 January 2020

Closes 16 February 2020

Parish Proposals to Synod Office by 2 March 2020

Synod Theme 4

Building community, nurturing belonging

Opens 16 February 2020

Closes 15 March 2020

Parish Proposals to Synod Office by 30 March 2020

Proposals Meetings

Sat 2 May 2020 LACE 10am—12:30pm

Tues 5 May 2020 LACE 2pm—4:30pm

Wed 6 May 2020 St Mary's School, Astley 7pm—9:30pm

Mon 11 May 2020 All Hallow's School, Penwortham 7pm—9:30pm

Wed 13 May 2020 St Bede's School, Ormskirk 7pm—9:30pm

Thurs 14 May 2020 LACE 10am—12:30pm

TBA Isle of Man TBA

Members attend one of these meetings.

Meetings of Synod Members

Fri 19 June 2020 The Edge, Wigan All Day To look at published proposals. Members attend either.

Sat 20 June 2020 The Edge, Wigan All Day

Synod 2020

Sat 17 October 2020 at The Edge, Wigan

Sun 18 October 2020 at the Metropolitan Cathedral

Synod Themes

The Next Steps



Overview

Today:

Sunday 13 October 2019

October 2019 - March 2020

Announcing the Synod Themes to Synod Members at The Edge, Wigan.

Synod Sunday: Announcing the Synod Themes to the Archdiocese.

Exploration of Themes in parishes and local communities.

- **20 October—17 November:** All called and gifted by God
- **17 November—15 December:** Sharing the mission of Jesus
- **19 January—16 February:** How we pray together
- **16 February—15 March:** Building community, nurturing belonging

May 2020

Members help discern the proposals to go forward to Synod at a series of Proposals meetings.

19 and 20 June 2020

Meetings of Synod Members at The Edge where the published proposals will be presented (please note the change of date).

This stage of our Synod journey explores our Synod Themes and develops the proposals for action that will go forward to our Synod event for voting.

Exploration of Synod Themes

Each Synod Theme has its own period of exploration:

Theme	Opening Date	Closing Date	Parish Proposals to Synod Office by
All called and gifted by God	Sunday 20 October	Sunday 17 November	Monday 2 December
Sharing the mission of Jesus	Sunday 17 November	Sunday 15 December	Monday 20 January
How we pray together	Sunday 19 January	Sunday 16 February	Monday 2 March
Building community, nurturing belonging	Sunday 16 February	Sunday 15 March	Monday 30 March

For each Theme you will receive 4 resources:

Leaflet

For use by groups and individuals to guide them through reflections on the Theme.

Liturgy

Liturgy suggestions for use on the first Sunday of each theme which will include homily ideas and liturgy suggestions.

Prayer Station

Ideas for a Prayer Station that can be put up in Church or elsewhere to invite reflection on the Theme.

Open Meeting

A suggested format for an open meeting for anyone to come and engage with the Theme.

The idea is that people can engage with the theme through any or all of these ways and make their proposals.

- Synod Members will receive all proposals that the parish have made on a particular Theme.
- After the closing date Members will meet together with a few others as a small Synod Parish Team to discern which proposals will be submitted to the Synod Office (a maximum of 5).
- Proposals will be submitted by email, using the standard form, and by the deadline indicated.
- The same pattern is repeated for each Theme.

In Summary

For each Theme:

- Use the Liturgy Resources on the Opening Sunday
- Distribute the leaflet
- Assemble the Prayer Station
- Decide when you will hold an open meeting
- Gather proposals
- Discern the Parish response with your Parish Synod Team

Don't forget to think about those who might be beyond the Mass going population and how they might be invited to submit proposals through the parish – particularly our schools.

Discernment Preparation

Remember that the journey of being on the road together is about trying to become aware of how the Holy Spirit might be moving through all of this. For each theme therefore it is important that we help people to widen their horizons in considering what proposals to make, which the resources will attempt to do.

It is also vital that members approach this task in a spirit of discernment, continuing to listen to our own hearts and those around us, and especially for the quiet voice that can easily be lost.

To help us as Synod Members in the task of discernment we have produced 2 videos. Both practically suggest what you might do to ensure a true process of discernment, rather than just choosing what I want or like or think should happen. These films can be used for individual reflection or at a meeting of members together. The first film focuses on individual discernment with the second looking at the discernment that you need to do when getting together in your small Parish Synod Team to decide the proposals to be sent in from your parish.

Both videos will be available through the Synod website.

Submitting Proposals Online

The main route for submitting proposals is through the parishes as outlined, but anyone can make a proposal through the Synod website.

Individuals and groups will be able to use this route if they wish and the online forms will be available during the four weeks of exploration for each Theme.

Discerning the Final Synod Proposals

By Easter 2020 all the proposals will have been received from Parishes and via the online platform. These will be subject to a basic sifting to remove repetitions and any proposals that we are unable to deal with at a Diocesan Synod.

Members will be invited to attend one of seven Proposals Meetings that will take place around the Archdiocese to discern which should go forward.

The final list of proposals from the Synod will be published by Archbishop Malcolm in consultation with the Synod Working Party.

These final Synod Proposals will be presented to Members on 19 and 20 June 2020 at The Edge.

Any Questions?

Jacqui and Matt are in the Synod Office to assist you in your task as Synod Members. Do not hesitate to contact them if you need clarification about any of this.

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