

Synod Sunday 2019

12 and 13 October 2019



Liturgy Pack



Preparing for Synod Sunday

Two suggestions for preparing for Synod Sunday

Invite the children in your parish schools to reflect on the story of the Ten Lepers in Luke 17: 11-19 and to make 'Thank You' cards or pictures for all the gifts God has given to them. These could be used to decorate your church on Synod Sunday.

This might also be an activity that children could take part in during Children's Liturgy of the Word (see PowerPoint slides available from www.synod2020.co.uk/prayer/sunday).

Place small cards at the back of church for people to write their own thank you to God. You might like to do this a week or two before Synod Sunday. These cards could be collected in a basket and placed near the altar during Masses on Synod Sunday.



Introduction to Mass

This could be read by a lay person (Parish or Pastoral Area Synod Member) before the start of Mass.

Welcome! Today we are celebrating our second “Synod Sunday”. We pray for God’s blessing on our journey towards Synod 2020 as we try to become the Church God is calling us to be.

In today’s liturgy, we thank God for his healing power in our lives.

In front of the altar, there is a basket of cards on which parishioners have written their own personal thanks to God. Around the church today you can see “Thank You” cards which the children of our Primary School(s) have prepared as a sign of their gratitude to God.

During Mass, we will hear a message from Archbishop Malcolm asking us to continue to play our part in the journey towards Synod 2020, and explaining how we can continue to be involved in the important work of discerning the way ahead for the Church in the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

There is a leaflet that explains further the work we have to do together in the coming months. Please read the leaflet carefully. There is also a prayer card which has the Themes on it and the Synod Prayer. Take it home, maybe put it on your fridge, but please keep the Synod in your prayers.

Today (Tomorrow) Pope Francis will declare Cardinal John Henry Newman a saint of the Church. This is a wonderful day for all our countrymen and women. So we can say today (tomorrow) St John Henry Newman: pray for us.

Thank you.



Penitential Act

I. *(Based on the Readings)*

Lord Jesus, you hear our cries for mercy:

Lord, have mercy.

You pour your healing balm upon us:

Christ, have mercy.

You are worthy of all thanks and praise:

Lord, have mercy.

II. *(Based on the Synod Themes)*

Lord Jesus, you show us how to be your Church in the world today:

Lord, have mercy.

You reveal yourself to us in the lives of those around us:

Christ, have mercy.

You walk with us as we journey together to the Father:

Lord, have mercy.



Intercessions

Priest: With gratitude in our hearts for all God's gifts we turn to God in prayer.

We pray for ourselves and for all God's people.

Like Naaman in the First Reading and the Samaritan leper in the Gospel, may we remember to say 'thank you' to God for his goodness to us.

Lord in your mercy **R/ Hear our prayer**

As we continue our journey towards Synod 2020 we pray for Archbishop Malcolm.

May he be filled with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit as he leads us to become the Church God is calling us to be.

Lord in your mercy **R/ Hear our prayer**

We pray for all Synod members.

May they be open to receive the Holy Spirit and to be used by that same Spirit to renew the face of the world.

Lord in your mercy **R/ Hear our prayer**

We pray for the broken hearted.

We pray for those who live in despair of ever being healed that they will be touched and held by Jesus.

Lord in your mercy **R/ Hear our prayer**

We pray for all who have prayed and worshipped in this church and handed on the gift of faith to others.

As we journey to Synod 2020, may we be encouraged by their example.

Lord in your mercy **R/ Hear our prayer**

We place all of our prayers into the hands of Mary our Mother as we say, **Hail Mary...**

Priest: God our Father, you are the source of all we have and are. Teach us to be always grateful for the good you have given to us. We ask this and all our prayers through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Music Suggestions

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

All people that on earth do dwell

Amazing grace

Bless the Lord my soul – Taize

God forgave my sin

God is love, his the care

How can I repay the Lord (various)

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful – Taize

Lay your hands

My soul is filled with joy (Magnificat)

Now thank we all our God

Praise my soul the king of heaven

Sing to the mountains

Synod Hymn – Mike Anderson

Take my hands

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Unless a grain of wheat

We cannot measure how you heal

Some of St John Henry Newman's Hymns

Firmly I believe and truly

Lead kindly light

Praise to the holiest



Canonisation of John Henry Newman

Pope Francis will canonise John Henry Newman on this day. It might be worth including one of Newman's prayers, either in the parish newsletter and/or after communion:

- A** God has created me to do him some definite service;
he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another.
I have my mission – I may never know it in this life,
but I shall be told it in the next.
I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.
He has not created me for nothing.
I shall do good. I shall do his work.
I shall be an angel of peace,
a preacher of truth in my own place while not intending it –
if I do but keep his Commandments.
Therefore, I will trust him.
Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away.
If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve him;
in perplexity, my perplexity may serve him;
if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve him.
He does nothing in vain.
He knows what he is about.
He may take away my friends.
He may throw me among strangers.
He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink,
hide my future from me – still he knows what he is about.
(John Henry Newman, 1801-90)
- B** Dear Jesus, help me to spread your fragrance everywhere I go.
Flood my soul with your spirit and life.
Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly,
that my life may only be a radiance of yours.
Shine through me, and be so in me
that every soul I come in contact with
may feel your presence in my soul.
Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus!
Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine,
so to shine as to be a light to others;
the light, O Jesus will be all from you; none of it will be mine;
it will be you, shining on others through me.
Let me thus praise you the way you love best, by shining on those around me.
Let me preach you without preaching, not by words but by my example,
by the catching force of the sympathetic influence of what I do,
the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to you.
(John Henry Newman, 1801-90)

