

Synodal Pathway report and letter from Archbishop Dermot Farrell

Dear Father, Deacon and members of Parish Pastoral Councils,

On this, the Feast of St Kevin, I am pleased to publish Synodal Pathway, the Dublin Diocesan Report (Synthesis). Throughout the Diocese almost 13,000 people engaged in 'spiritual conversations' in their parishes about their joys, their sorrows and their hopes for what the Church can be today and in the future. The Synod invitation to listen deeply to our people, and to walk together in prayer accompanied by the Holy Spirit, was received enthusiastically by most people. It has become clear that respondents valued the opportunity to share and participate in collective discernment. Pope Francis has stressed that the synodal process is not rooted in specific outcomes, but seeks a recasting of the culture of the Church which will bring about reform and renewal of its internal life so that we can more effectively proclaim the Gospel to our communities.

In expressing my heartfelt thanks to the Diocesan Synodal Steering Committee for their creative leadership in leading the Synodal Pathway in the Archdiocese, I also wish to commend them for the

quality of the resources provided. In particular, the planning and implementation of training sessions on Zoom and in parish pastoral centres throughout the diocese. 325 animators led synodal conversations across 173 parishes and 19 sessions with focus groups. I wish to thank sincerely all who participated and gave generously of their time and talents in what was clearly an enriching and transformative experience for many.

The publication of the Report marks the completion of the diocesan phase of the Synodal Pathway initiated by Pope Francis. This Diocesan Report has been forwarded to the Irish Bishops' Conference and will contribute to the 'Synod on Synodality' in Rome, in October 2023.

I encourage you to read the Synthesis and to take steps to make it known and available to the people entrusted to your pastoral care. As we approach the Solemnity of Pentecost, we celebrate that the Advocate, God's own Spirit is at work in and amongst us.

**Yours sincerely,
Dermot Farrell Archbishop of Dublin**

The 22 page Synthesis is available on Dublin Diocese website—link provided at end of Archbishops letter.

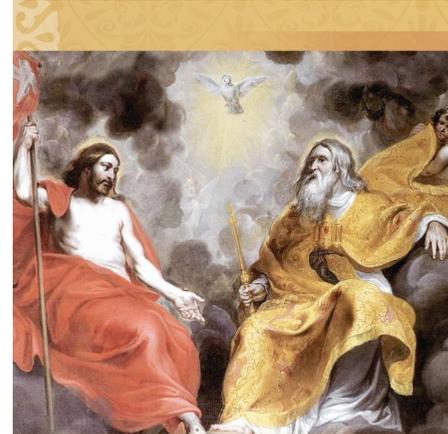
Saints of the Week

Mon 13 St Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor of the Church
Tues 14 St Davnet

Then they said to him 'what must we do if we are to do the works that God wants? Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent'. Jn 6:28



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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth" Jn 16

What is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you should care for him?
Ps 8

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 11th June 2022 6.00 pm Mass

Donal Graham

Sun 12th June 2022 10.00 am Mass

Noreen Crotty – Recently Deceased
Anthony & Mary Kilbane and the
Kilbane & Molloy Families –
Anniversaries

Kathleen Whoriskey – Anniversary

Sun 12th June 2022 11.30 am Mass

Timothy C Costello – 1st Anniversary
Margaret (Peggy) Egan –
2nd Anniversary
Séamus O' Mealláin – Anniversary
Jim Murphy – Anniversary

Other Intentions

Recently Deceased:-

Margaret Mollahan
Ray Mc Donnell
Bríd Mc Carthy

Anniversaries:-

Ann Byrne
John Fagan
James & Kathleen Dobbyn
Kathleen & Alfred Walsh –

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Dillon
Alex Bracken
May they rest in peace.





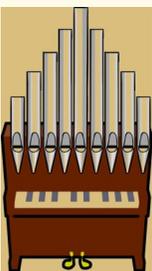
**The Most Holy Trinity
12 June 2022**

In today's gospel, we see that Jesus is comfortable with an element of mystery. Speaking to the disciples before his arrest, Jesus is preparing them for the gift of the Spirit. The word he often uses is 'Advocate', meaning helper or comforter, indicating that the disciples will not be left to struggle on alone. We hear Jesus say that the complete truth is too much for the disciples now. The mysteries of his life, death and Resurrection - and the implications they will have for his followers - all will become clearer in due course. The Spirit will guide them, he says.

Down through the years, the

Church has attempted to put words on this great mystery of the Trinity. It was three hundred years after Jesus' death before the Church spoke officially of God as One in three Persons. A great deal has been written about this mystery since then. In recent times, C. S. Lewis described God as 'a dynamic, pulsating activity, a life, almost a kind of drama. Almost... a kind of dance'. As Jesus told the disciples, not everything is revealed at once. The Spirit is still at work among us, like a dynamic activity or dance. The beauty of creation is constantly unfolding in front of our eyes. Thanks to the gift of science, we are discovering amazing things about our planet, our universe, our bodies and our minds. As humanity, as Church and as individuals, our journey continues, with the Spirit gradually unveiling God's message for our place and time. We don't yet have all the answers about this beautiful life. Our task is to listen, and to be awake to the many ways God speaks to us and calls us into the life of God

Deep End



The annual Pipeworks Organ Festival will recommence this year on the 15th of June until Sunday, the 19th of June. The opening concert will be in St Patrick's Cathedral and other venues include Christchurch Cathedral, St Philips Church

Milltown, Sandford Parish Church, Pro Cathedral, Saint Bartholomew's Church Ballsbridge and Dublin Unitarian church. www.pipeworks.ie

This will be followed immediately by the first performance in the 48th series of Dún Laoghaire Summer Organ Concerts . The Concerts will take place every Sunday at 8pm from 19th June to 11th September in St Michaels Dun Laoghaire.



This a summary of the Foxrock Parish Synod and the process of discernment that followed. It notes the principal themes that emerged from this process.

Attending Holy Mass, celebrating the sacraments and belonging to a faith community brings a real source of joy to people. They experience a great sense of support from within the community, enjoy sharing their faith with others and see the Church as a central point of meeting, refreshment, and encounter. Outreach to the wider community, particularly to those who might not visit the Church on a regular basis, is seen as an essential part of the mission of the faithful.

Catholic social teaching was said to provide the faithful with a foundation for living and for decision making in relation to personal and societal issues. People desire new faith development opportunities to deepen their understanding of the faith and Church teaching. Our priests are greatly respected for the very difficult job that they do, and people highlighted a need for greater involvement of the laity to support priests and Church ministries into the future. An option for priests to marry and developing the role of women

in the Church is seen as one that could further support the Church in her mission.

Support for youth ministries is urgently needed to encourage the next generation to embrace their Catholic faith, to have hope for the future and to be witnesses in this world. The Church, school and the family all contribute to nurturing the faith of our children and people welcomed the continuation of this relationship An active, dynamic, and living Church environment where people of all ages encounter God's love is desired

People would like the Church to model accountability, humility, and respect. They wish to belong to a Church that values people, one that lives out the Gospel message and one that listens and communicates with the laity. There is acknowledgment of the great work carried out by the Church in the past in providing education and health services. People would like the Church to continue to support and welcome minority groups, people with disabilities, the marginalised, the divorced and LGBTQ+ community.

The Church has developed a strong online presence since the beginning of the pandemic which brings hope and support to those who might not be able to attend in person. Renewal of the Church and greater involvement of laity is seen as something that will bring great hope in the future. The Synod brings great hope to the Church as we continue to journey together and to listen to one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.