

Synod 2021-2023

Celebrating a Synod means walking on the same road, walking together. Let us look at Jesus. First, he *encounters* the rich man on the road; he then *listens* to his questions, and finally he helps him *discern* what he must do to inherit eternal life. *Encounter, listen and discern.* I would like to reflect on these three verbs that characterize the Synod.

As we initiate this process, we too are called to become experts in the *art of encounter*. Not so much by organizing events or theorizing about problems, as in taking time to encounter the Lord and one another. Time to devote to prayer and to adoration – that form of prayer that we so often neglect – devoting time to adoration, and to hearing what the Spirit wants to say to the Church. Time to look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say, to build rapport, to be sensitive to the questions of our sisters and brothers, to let ourselves be enriched by the variety of charisms, vocations and ministries. Every encounter – as we know – calls for openness, courage and a willingness to let ourselves be challenged by the presence and the stories of others. If at times we would rather take refuge in formality or presenting the proper image – the clerical and courtly spirit.

So often God points out new paths in just this way. He invites us to leave our old habits behind. Everything changes once we are capable of genuine encounters with him and with one another, without formalism or pretense, but simply as we are.

Let us ask ourselves frankly during this synodal process: Are we good at listening? How good is the “hearing” of our heart? Do we allow people to express themselves, to walk in faith even though they have had difficulties in life, and to be part of the life of the community without being hindered, rejected or judged? Participating in a Synod means placing ourselves on the same path as the Word made flesh. It means following in his footsteps, listening to his word along with the words of others. It means discovering with amazement that the Holy Spirit always surprises us, to suggest fresh paths and new ways of speaking. It is a slow and perhaps tiring exercise, this learning to listen to one another – bishops, priests, religious and laity, all the baptized – and to avoid artificial and shallow and pre-packaged responses. The Spirit asks us to listen to the questions, concerns and hopes of every Church, people and nation. And to listen to the world, to the challenges and changes that it sets before us. Let us not soundproof our hearts; let us not remain barricaded in our certainties. So often our certainties can make us closed. Let us listen to one another

Taken from Pope Francis’ homily given on 10th October 2021 at the opening Mass for the General Synod.



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Second Sunday of Advent/C

4th/5th December 2021

The Year of St Joseph

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad

This week:

Sunday Mass @11am
Monday Mass @ 10am
Tuesday Mass @10am
Wednesday Funeral Mass@10am
Thursday Mass @10am
Friday Mass @10am
Saturday Vigil Mass @5.30pm

All Masses are livestreamed providing there are no technical problems

Scottish Charities Office
Number SCO11041



Sunday Collections:

£720.00 (28th)

£790.00 (21st)

Thankyou for your support for our parish

300 CLUB

21/11/21

£100 No 311 Stephen Miller
£25 No 212 Margaret Connelly

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28/11/21

£100 No 124 Mary Cahill  
£25 No 119 Mark Weir

Nearly New Shop has brought in  
£1400.00 during the month of  
November

Date for Diary

Senior Citizens' Christmas  
Treat will take place on Sunday  
16th January 2022.

More information to follow

St Vincent de Paul Society are  
collecting for food parcels for  
Christmas, please leave in the  
box provided.

Holy Michael, the Archangel  
defend us in the day of battle.

Be our safeguard against the wickedness  
and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke  
him we humbly pray and do thou  
O Prince of the Heavenly Host by the  
power of God thrust down into hell, Satan  
and all the other wicked spirits who  
wander through the world seeking the  
ruin of souls.

Amen.

Readings for next Sunday  
3rd Sunday of Advent/C

Zephaniah 3:14-18  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:10-18

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Mon 6th St Nicholas  
Tues 7th St Ambrose  
Wed 8th Immaculate Conception  
Thurs 9th St Juan Diego  
Fri 10th Our Lady of Loreto

**WISHAW HOSPITAL**

Anyone in hospital and needs the  
Sacrament of the Sick,  
The Chaplain can be contacted  
through the Hospital on 01698  
361100 or Assistant Chaplain,  
Deacon Henry McKenna

Parish Synod Meeting

We begin our Synodal Journey  
with our first meeting in  
preparation for the Synod of  
Bishops In Rome 2023.

This is the first time that our  
opinion has been called for.

Our meeting will be held in St  
Brigid's Centre on Thursday 9th  
December at 7pm.

Please try to attend.  
Topics for discussion:

Companions on the Journey

Speaking out.

SYNOD ~

"Journeying together."

*PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:*

The Sick: Liz Kelly; Baby Freddie Brook; Joe Smith; Agnes Slavin Keith; Eleanor Walker;

Recently Dead: Bishop John Cunningham(Retired Bishop of Galloway); John McArdle; Fr Colin Golden(Perth); Joanne Nairn(Bellshill); Tommy McLennegan and all who have died due to the virus

Months Mind: Gerard & Kenneth Calderhead; Angelina & Gordon Campbell; Mary O'Brien; Jim Kelly; Angus, Mary & Andrew Kennedy, Gordon Stewart, Catherine, Benjamin & Paul Dabrera, Clifford & Devlin families; Lynn & Tommy Murphy; William Duffy.

Anniversary: Wendy Clements; Patrick Costello; Kate Lally; James Isaac; Ian Macdermid; Sr. Rosaria; Kenny Keegan; Pat Calderhead; Peter Corrigan.

SPRED MOTHERWELL

A special welcome to all from  
SPRED Motherwell who join us  
for the celebration of  
Holy Mass this Sunday at 11am.  
It has been a long time since  
this has been able to happen  
due to the pandemic.

THIS IS CHRISTMAS"  
by Caraid

'This is Christmas' is a collec-  
tion of beautiful hymns & carols  
performed by 'Caraid', a music  
group based in St. John Bosco  
Parish, New Stevenston.  
The album is available on CD &  
USB flash-drive priced at £10  
with all proceeds going to  
charity. Released on Monday  
29-11-21 & available to  
pre-order now - contact  
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Prayer for the Synod

*We stand before You,  
Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your  
name.*

*With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our  
hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down  
the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our  
actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to  
eternal life and not stray from the  
way of truth and what is right.  
All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and  
time,  
in the communion of the Father and  
the Son, forever and ever.*

*Amen.*