

## Walking Together - the Synodal Pathway Journey

To avoid words and phrases that we have to define or explain – such as Synodality, or Synodal Pathway, we are going to use two words that explain simply, clearly and aptly what we mean by Synod: **Walking Together**. This is above all a spiritual journey. We are invited to journey together while always calling upon the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us by praying constant. Walking together calls for actions in the short term, but the purpose of the Synod is broader than this: it is an invitation to discern co-responsibly how we are the Church today. There are three key concepts that shape walking together:

**Communion**- These conversations lead to conversion to Christ and commitment to active participation in the life of the Church and the mission given by Christ.

**Participation** - people of God talk with one another and listen to one another about questions that matter.

**Mission** - the communion exists for a common purpose; mission flows naturally from the experience of walking together: 'listening, discerning, proclaiming'.

Try to make listening your special gift as we grow into the habits of 'listening, discerning and proclaiming'. There will be much to hear, and much to tell. However, the experience of walking together is just as significant as we seek to become, even more, a Synodal Church.

**What happens to your responses?** Each diocese has been asked to produce a 10-page document which will be submitted to the Bishops' Conference. Following a period of conversation, listening and discernment, the Archdiocese of Birmingham will submit its response to the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, which will in turn shape the national response and discernment.

However, walking together is not about producing a document, but reflecting upon our experience of the journey. The documentation from the Synod Office in Rome speaks of the Church as being synodal in its very nature. Therefore, this is not a process, but experiencing walking together as an Archdiocese at first hand. Our listening and discernment will feed directly into our Diocesan vision and priorities. Your response will shape our understanding and the implementation of the next stages of our Diocesan vision. The results of this discernment will be available to all, as the responses and findings will be published, alongside the final 10-page document which is the result of the Diocesan discernment. These will be retained and used to implement our Diocesan vision. We hope you will see the fruits of this discernment in action before the Synod of Bishops begins in 2023.



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## 5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

**6TH FEBRUARY 2022**

### **PSALM RESPONSE**

Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
Because I have made known to you  
Everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
His wonders for the children of men  
For he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
And the hungry he fills with good things.

***O come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God. (Roman Missal)***



| Ordinary time (C2)                                       | Psalter week 1  | Intention/Info   |
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| <b>Sunday 5th/6th</b><br><b>5th Sunday of the year</b>   | <b>Sat 5pm Mass OH</b><br><b>9.45am Mass BH</b><br><b>11.15am Mass KF</b> | People of the Parish<br>Kevin Doherty<br>Sadie Murphy and family |
| Monday 7th   | <b>10am Mass KF</b>   | Jeanette Amphlett  |
| Tuesday 8th  | <b>10am Mass OH</b>   | Henryk Dabrowski   |
| Wednesday 9th  | <b>10am Mass BH</b><br><b>10.30am-11am BH</b>                             | Christopher Payne<br>Adoration and Confessions                   |
| Thursday 10th<br>St Scholastica                          | <b>9am Mass</b>   | School   |
| Friday 11th<br>Our Lady of Lourdes                       | <b>6.30pm KF</b><br><b>7pm Mass KF</b>                                    | Adoration and Confessions<br>Matthew Gibbons                     |
| Saturday 12th<br>St Agatha                               | <b>5pm Vigil Mass OH</b>  | Michael Kelly  |
| <b>Sunday 12th/13th</b><br><b>6th Sunday of the year</b> | <b>Sat 5pm Mass OH</b><br><b>9.45am Mass BH</b><br><b>11.15am Mass KF</b> | Michael Kelly<br>People of the Parish<br>Pauline Bant            |

**SECOND COLLECTIONS - This week for Parish debt at BH and OH next week for Racial Justice at all Churches**

**Walking together - the Synodal Pathway**

The dates for our meetings are:

Tuesday 8th BH at 7pm - Communion

Saturday 12th OH 5.45pm - Participation

Thursday 17th KF at 7pm - Mission

Each meeting will be for all Parishioners across all three Churches. Tea and coffee will be available at the start of each meeting. A questionnaire will be available to take today please return it by 19th/20th of February

**NB No Adoration or Confessions next Tuesday. There will now be Mass each Monday at 10am at Kingswinford when Fr Shanju is available.**

**St Mary's School** - are taking part in the Mass at BH today. Please make them and their families welcome and join us for tea and coffee after Mass.

**Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** The children who have been prepared by Nadine will make their first confession on Saturday 12th Feb at Old Hill. They will then receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 20th Feb at Brierley Hill. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. Everyone is welcome to join them for refreshments after Mass to celebrate with them.

**Online Rosary** - This went very well with 8 participants and will continue each Wednesday via zoom at 7pm. The link is on the Parish What's App group or alternatively let Father have your email address and he will send you the link.

**40 days for life- Joe Woodall will be speaking at Masses about the 40 day for life event** · KICK OFF EVENT in the parish hall of St Joseph & St Helen's RC Church, 84 Northfield Rd, Kings Norton, Birmingham B30 1JG SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY at 2pm. For more details contact Isabel on 07773 501721 or Joe 07812 493014. OPTIONAL TRAINING SESSIONS for volunteers praying outside the Abortion Centre, parish hall of St Joseph & St Helen's RC Church on THURSDAY 17th FEBRUARY at 11am OR FRIDAY 19th FEBRUARY at 7pm.

Please pray for all those whose have died recently especially those on our February deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

Collections KF 30/1 GA £88.00, Loose £445.82

**BRIERLEY HILL: Craft Group** Mon 14th February 2pm to 4pm in Parish Centre  
**OLD HILL FOODSHARE** Tuesday mornings 11am -1pm  
**KINGSWINFORD:** Friday 9.30 - 11.30am **Foodbank** .

Please pray for all those who are sick including Roger Ward, Fr George Grynowski, William Fawcett, Pauline Bant, Jeanette Amphlett, Dorothy West, Margaret Gilroy, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris and Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob and Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Anne Peters, Jackie Spittle, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

**FOODBANKS - If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations. The need is growing so donations are much needed and gratefully received.**

**Pope's prayer intention for February: For religious Sisters and consecrated women** *We pray for our religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.*