



St Mary's Catholic Church, Studley

Synodal Process 2022

Pope Francis wants to hear from the whole Church about what is happening in local parishes. He and Archbishop Bernard Longley would like to know what individuals think we should all be doing to help make our parishes better. By the end of our time together we aim to capture your answers to the basic question: What is the Holy Spirit saying to our Church today? The way he has proposed doing this is a synodal process. Synod means 'journeying together' and it involves listening to the Holy Spirit and to each other in order to discern the path we are called to walk together. With this in mind it would be a great help if you could look at the following questions and respond to any that you feel able. Please send your answers to the parish office by email or complete this form & post it through the presbytery door. Thank you.

1. In what ways does the Catholic Church enhance your life?

2. Reflecting on 20 months of the pandemic, how has participation in your parish been affected? Were these issues and/or opportunities there before and how can participation be strengthened moving forward into the future?

3. How is the Catholic Church perceived by members of your family, your friends and work colleagues?

4. How do you believe your presence at Mass makes a difference?

5. Explain what difference does it make in your life to receive the sacraments?

6. How do you currently participate, personally, in the life of the Church? How much responsibility do you have as an individual?

7. If you could describe your local parish fulfilling your dreams and concerns for the whole world and the local community, what would it be like?