

**Please return your completed SYNOD questionnaire to the Parish Office by  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

***An online version of this form can be found on the Parish Website and  
can be sent to the Parish Office by email.***

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The Synod poses the following fundamental question:

**A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, ‘journeys together.’ How is this  
‘journeying together’ happening today in our local Church? What steps does the  
Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our ‘journeying together’?**

To help answer this question, here are five questions that look into how our parish meets the  
synod’s themes of: Communion; Participation; and Mission.

## **Communion**

*The Church is Catholic because she is sent to all, in order to gather the entire human family from every  
nation and culture, under the Lordship of Christ and in the unity of his Spirit.*

**1. What are the ways in which St Joseph’s parish most successfully brings people together?**

## **Participation**

*Participation is based on the fact that all the faithful are qualified and called to serve each other through the  
gifts they have all received from the Holy Spirit. The authority of pastors is a specific gift of the Spirit of  
Christ the Head for the building up of the entire Body.*

**2. How can we better enable full participation in the life of the Church at the parish  
and diocesan levels?**

**3. Reflecting on 16 months of the pandemic, how has participation in St Joseph's parish been affected? Were these issues there before?**

## **Mission**

*The People of God are on pilgrimage through history towards the heavenly homeland. Each one of the baptised is to be honoured with the same dignity as children of God and appointed to the same mission, the proclamation of the Good News and the building of the Kingdom of God.*

**4. How does the life of the parish, in terms of catechesis, adult formation, liturgy etc. aid in the formation of parishioners as missionary disciples?**

**5. Are we looking in or are we looking out, as a parish community?  
Can we do both effectively?**