

TOGETHER

Newsletter for Catholics in Birkdale
18 October, 2020 + 29 Sunday in Ordinary Time +
Sundays Year A + Weekdays Year 2

Sunday October 18th marks a significant moment in the Synod 2020 journey. It was to have been the date of the Synod meeting itself but, due to the need to change the timetable because of the pandemic, this Synod Sunday will now see the presentation of the affirmations and the summary of the proposals.

The Synod Working Party received over 3,500 proposals and reflections on the 4 Synod Themes, which also included the proposals and reflections made in the light of Covid 19. This huge response gave the Synod Working Party their task during "lockdown."



Everything that was submitted for each Theme was looked at by different groups made up of working party members and others. Their task was to discern all the issues that were before the Synod. One aspect to emerge from this work has been that in many cases what was submitted highlighted an area or issue that was seen to be important even though there may not have been an immediately practical suggestion or a proposal. So the summary that will be published honours this by including a number of affirmation statements alongside practical proposals. What will be made public on Synod Sunday is our best attempt at faithfully honouring all that has been said, even if not word for word.

Archbishop Malcolm, in a message to the people of the Archdiocese for Synod Sunday, says:

'God is still asking us to reflect on becoming the kind of Church he is calling us to be and in many ways we have been invited to do this with a new urgency at this time.

'Our Synod journey brings together the "imperatives" of co-responsibility, collaboration and genuine listening between Church leaders and the lay faithful. Synodality is an essential aspect of Church life today. Pope Francis is firm on Synodality as the way forward. I am reminded of something that Pope Benedict said in 2012:

"Lay people should not be regarded as 'collaborators' of the clergy, but, rather, as people who are really 'co-responsible' for the Church's being and acting...It is therefore important that a mature and committed laity be consolidated, which can make its own specific contribution to the ecclesial mission with respect for the ministries and tasks that each one has in the life of the Church." (10 Aug 2012 to Catholic Action International gathering.)

'This is very much your role in the next part of our Synod journey.

'I need each of you to play your part in discerning the next steps forward. At the beginning of December each Synod Member will have to indicate which of the ideas and issues that they are most drawn to. They will need your input to do this faithfully. This will then enable us to present to you, in March, the Synod Proposals to be voted on in June. After June we will work on drawing up a Pastoral Plan in the light of the Synod Proposals which will be promulgated at the start of Advent 2021.' The affirmations and summary proposals will be available on the Synod Website: www.synod2020.co.uk

Holy Communion outside
St Joseph's church.
Saturday 10am
Sunday 10.30am
Mass is celebrated in
St Joseph's Church

Sunday 8.30am
Sunday 9.30am
Sunday 11am
Monday to Friday 10am
Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Sunday Mass from St Joseph
online from 5.30pm Saturday
birkdalecatholics.com

If you are vulnerable, showing symptoms of the virus or worried about things, the advice is not to return to Mass just yet.

Remember, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted for the foreseeable future and Mass on-line will continue.

The diocese has set up online giving for our parish

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Last Sunday's Collection **£1,529.27**
Envelopes £ 1,215.27
Loose Plate £ 314.00
Received with thanks!

At the moment it is not possible to visit with Holy Communion. Are you a Eucharistic Minister living with someone shielding who would like Holy Communion? Please bring your pyx along for Mass/Holy Communion.



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Deacon: Rev Bill Ball, Tel 567788. Parish **NEW** webpage www.birkdalecatholics.com

Facebook: Birkdale Catholics Diocese www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk

Other Catholic churches in Southport:

St John Stone & Sacred Heart Tel. 577722 * St Marie & St Patrick Tel. 531229 * Holy Family Tel. 532613

MASS THIS SUNDAY

First Sunday Preface Second Eucharistic Prayer

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,... Amen.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising
to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.'
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95(96)

R: Give the Lord glory and power.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, Lord, we pray,
a sincere respect for your gifts,
that, through the purifying action of your grace,
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,
we may be helped by what you give in this present age
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Amen.

Synod 2020 Prayer

Father, we thank you
for the love you have shown us
in the gift of Jesus, your Son.
We thank you for the gift of the Church
through which you show us
that you are always with us
and are always at work in our lives.
As we journey together to Synod 2020
help us to become the Church
that you are calling us to be.
May your Holy Spirit be powerfully
at work among us.
Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope
and Malcolm, our Archbishop.
Help us to respond
to the challenges of our times in new ways
to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers.
We make this prayer
through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.



Remember the SVP Food Bank! Thanks for the generous support received. The food bank is ongoing. Please use the box outside the presbytery on 40 York Road. All non-perishable items, tins of meat, long life milk, juice, toiletries (shower gel, soap), tinned fruit and other puddings, gratefully received.

Need help from the SVP? Please text or leave a message on 07716143603

Cannot get to St Joseph's with your donation? Use the mobile number above and we will collect it.

During the summer over 600 deliveries of groceries were made.



Sat 5.30pm Anthony Clayton 80th Birthday Rem.

18 October World Mission Sunday

8.30am Fr Matthew O'Callaghan A

9.30am Norman Jones A

11am Jim Cunningham A

Mon 10am Albert Bernard Smith A

Tue 10am Int. of Michael Walshe

Wed 10am James Kelly A

Thurs 10am *St John Paul II* John MacDonald A

Fri 10am John and Julie Sant A

Sat 5.30pm Ciara Lea (sick)

Sunday 25 October

8.30am Parishioners

9.30am Terence Lennon A

11am Lil Newsome birthday rem.

The recorded Mass for this Sunday is offered for the parishioners.

Requiem Masses This Week

Monday: William (Bill) Rainford

Wednesday: Margaret Teresa (Peggy) Seward

My Mission Prayer

Here I am, Lord, Send me
to share your love with all people.
May I be empowered and carried by you
to be courageous and enthusiastic
in bearing faithful witness
to the merciful Father,
to the love of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and to the divine life in the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever.
Amen.

Thanks to all who volunteer at Church!
Special thanks to the Stewards
and those who clean church after each Mass!



Praying with the Pope in October 2020

The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church. www.thepopevideo.org

We Pray for the Sick

Toby Peters (2 years) , Nella (4 years), Sam Ward, Jack Rogan, baby twins Max & Leo Kennedy, Canon Bert Shaw, Sheila Smith, Peter Molyneux, Dorothy Gibb, Christopher Connolly, Anne Dutch, Kathleen Jenkinson, Pat Little, Kathryn Harding, Ciara Lea, Emma Whittaker, Nola Nelson, Lindsey Rodger, Minna Moffatt, Eddie Grant, Mary Stanton, Michael Walton, Sian Williams, Gordon Lindsay, Doreen Grant, Marian Ball, Pat Mills, Muriel Appleton, Megan Borthwick, Richard Hughes, Karen Manley, Michael & Dorothy Brady, Marie Scott, Margaret Chisnall, Richard Shaw, Jonathan Morley, Leo O'Reilly, David Leatherland, Jonathan Steen, Garry Ward, Lewis (12 years old), Dorothy Welsh, Michael Walshe, Mae McRedmond, Sylvia Flynn, Claire Kenyon

The Lately Dead

Mgr Austin Hunt, Margaret Frances Wareing, Peggy Seward, Veronica Thomas

Anniversaries

Fr Matthew O'Callaghan, Norman Jones, Jim Cunningham, Albert Bernard Smith, James Kelly, John MacDonald, John and Julie Sant, Terence Lennon, John Kenyon, Lil Newsome

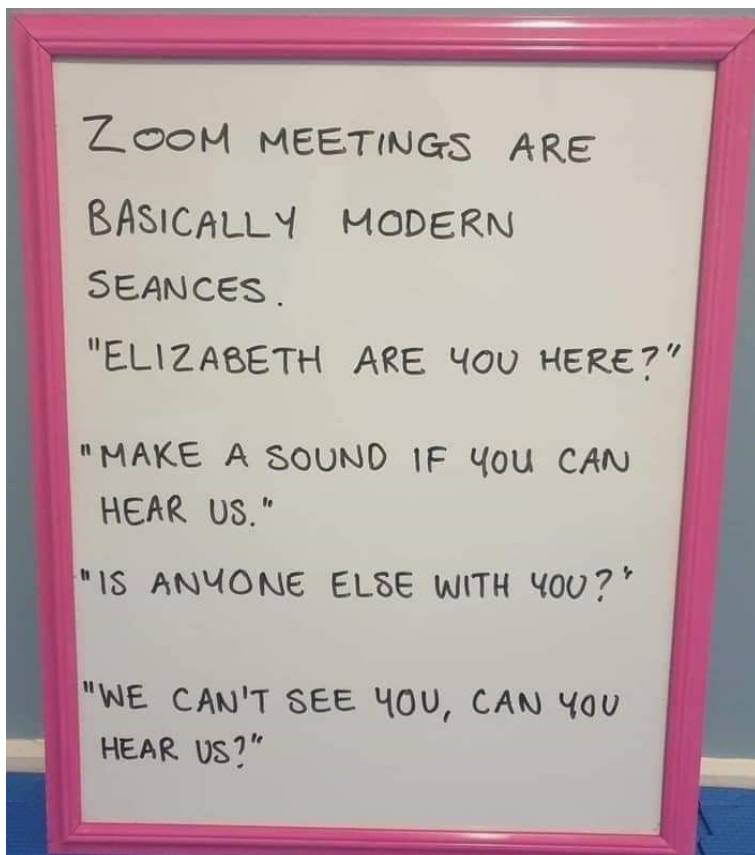
We pray for

Missionaries and the people they serve
The preparation for the Archdiocesan Synod
Our parish, that this time apart may help us to strengthen the bond we have with God and each other.
Our schools; the children, staff and governors.
The emergency services and healthcare workers
The sick and the housebound
All affected by the corona virus
Scientists trying to make a vaccine
All worried about their health
All worried about their jobs and finances

Congratulations!

To Harry and Isla Jones who will be baptised this week





May today there be peace within.
May you trust God
that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite possibilities
that are born of faith.
May you use those gifts that you have received,
and pass on the love that has been given to you.
May you be content knowing you are a child of God.
Let this presence settle into your bones,
and allow your soul the freedom
to sing, dance, praise and love.
It is there for each and every one of us.

Teresa of Ávila

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day collection open until the end of October

Tony's Bike Ride raised £515 for the Soup Kitchen which the Knights of St Columba will increase to a total of £1000!

Thanks to all who have renewed their subscription or joined the 400 CLUB. The cost of each share is the same as in previous years £12. Half the money raised goes on prizes. The other half on church projects, proposed this time is buying better equipment for recording Mass and assemblies/collective worship for school, children's liturgy and more.

The Rosary before Mass Mon/Wed/Fri in October

"Thursday" Art Class We are starting again but on line. Please contact Marie on 550466 for the details you will need to take part.

Parish Pastoral Council

This weekend the proposals that have come through the synod process on the Fourth Synod Theme: *Building Community, Nurturing Belonging* are being circulated to the pastoral council members. It looks like the right place for us to start our work.

Catholic Chaplaincy Southport Hospital and Queenscourt Hospice

If you or a family member are admitted into hospital please make sure we know you are there. In an emergency ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic Priest.

For routine visits and Holy Communion please contact Maria Parker: **07467 374830** (during normal office hours).

Please take from the sideboard in the porch!

Memorial Card for Bishop Vincent Malone

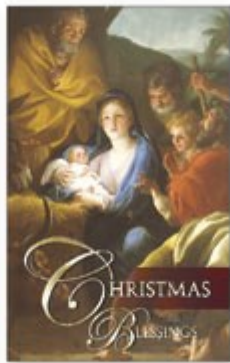
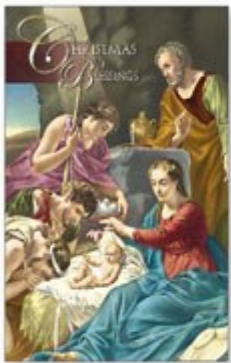
Memorial Card for Mgr Austin Hunt.

There are also

Synod Prayer Cards

and

November Pious List & Envelopes You may prefer to send your list by email or post. Mass offerings for the Holy Souls can be Gift Aided.



Christmas Cards Calendars & Diaries 2021

Please contact Janice Cooper to register interest: 01704 567133 or email her under the subject "Piety Stall" janicecooper@aol.com

As in previous years

Boxed costing £3.25 or £3.75,

Boxes of smaller cards at £1.35 or £1.50.

The arrangements for selling them is work in progress but previous customers will have a fair idea of what is on offer. Religious cards competitively priced, religious calendars and a diary with the ordinary of Mass, liturgical calendar and some prayers.



November - Month of Remembering

THEY HAVE GONE NO FURTHER FROM US
THAN TO GOD, AND GOD IS VERY NEAR