



An Invitation

You are warmly invited our Synodal gathering in March, in the parishes of
Mountview/Blakestown/Huntstown & Littlepace

The word “synodal” means journeying together and this gathering will be an opportunity to share and listen to each other’s experience of Church, in an organised, gentle and prayerful environment.

Why are you being invited?

Pope Francis has asked all of us to take part in sharing and listening to each other and to the Holy Spirit. In this way we are beginning to lay foundations for our future together.

The invitation is to all the baptised.

Eventually, all the responses will be collected in time for the Oct 2023 Synod in Rome.

What will happen at the gathering?

Parish Animators have been trained to lead this gathering in a reflective, prayerful atmosphere.

Questions will be presented each evening and people will gather in small groups to share on each question and listen to each other.

Each small group will have a leader who will help everyone to have the opportunity to share and who will collect the feedback from the group.

What are the questions?

When you think of your experience of Church, what brings joy?

When you think of your experience of Church, what brings sorrow?

When you think of your experience of Church, what brings hope?

When you think of your experience of Church, what brings fear or anxiety?

Please remember we are being asked to listen with understanding, to respect each other’s experiences, and to try to walk in the other person’s shoes.

What will happen to the feedback?

The Animators, will sort the feedback into similar themes. This will form the basis for a Report to the Diocese. The feedback will be used by the Parish Team and Parish Pastoral Council to help in pastoral planning.

When and where will this gathering take place:

Date: **Friday 25 March 2022** Time: **7:30 pm**

At: **St. Philip the Apostle School Hall**

How can you prepare for this?

Please visit the Dublin Diocese Website to view the SIMPLY SYNOD booklet. Safeguarding and confidentiality guidelines will be in place. The gathering will be Covid compliant.

Contact Us Please

Everyone is welcome.

But, in Covid times, it would be really helpful to have an idea of numbers likely to attend. or add your name to the sheets available at Sunday masses.