



Synod Feedback Form

NAME OF PARISH	NAME OF PASTORAL GROUPING
Holy Trinity Donaghmede - St. Benedict's Grange Park – St. Monica's Edenmore	
VENUE OF GATHERINGS	IN PERSON OR ZOOM
Holy Trinity	In person
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS (1 st Gathering)	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS (2 nd Gathering)
67	54

THE JOYS

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND CONVERGE?	No.	WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND DIVERGE?	No.
<p>The Church gives me a sense of belonging</p> <p>The Joy experienced by my involvement. It gives me direction in life. The church is love and community. Belonging to the church founded by Christ. Meeting others at church. Sense of belonging. I feel part of Gods family. Sense of community. The universality of the Church – the familiar feeling no matter where I am in the world. I get great comfort and peace from my faith.</p>	18	<p>The good that is being done by the church is not recognised in society.</p> <p>Having tea after mass helps to create a community spirit and helps those who live alone.</p> <p>The great heroes of the church – known and unknown give me joy.</p> <p>The church provides healing, teaching, proclaiming and worshiping.</p> <p>Need for change regarding priestly celibacy and better inclusion of gay people in the life of the church</p>	2 1 1 1
<p>Church as Community</p> <p>No matter where we go to church we feel a sense of community. Where I belong. I feel united with others there. I feel part of the family of God. Where I find acceptance and share my faith. When we come together we are united in love and respect for each other.</p>	13		1

<p>There is unity in diversity. I am accepted with all my faults and failings and still loved.</p>			
<p>Celebration of the sacraments I need the structure of the sacraments. Attending mass and receiving the Eucharist. To be able to receive and experience Gods love in Confession. The Eucharist. Being able to confess my sins and truly feel God’s forgiveness</p>	<p>14</p>		
<p>Being able to attend mass I would be lost without my friends at mass. Seeing people return to mass after Covid-19 restrictions It brings me joy and fulfilment to attend mass. Feeling part of the Body of Christ. Being able to attend mass and receive the Eucharist.</p>	<p>9</p>		
<p>Seeing families and children at mass Seeing school children attend mass with their families. It gives me joy to see children and families preparing for First Communion and Confirmation at mass.</p>	<p>8</p>		
<p>Liturgy and Music Liturgies with good music. I experience what liturgy is about. Our shared joy in church liturgies connects all the way back to Jesus.</p>	<p>7</p>		

Need for greater inclusion of all members of the church regardless of their sex or sexuality

The role of women is not always valued.

There is a lack of respect for anyone perceived as 'different'

In the gospels, Christ reserved his harshest criticism for those figures who make things difficult for people and offer no help to bear the burden. Most gay people feel excluded from the church.

Lack of open mindedness in the church e.g., acceptance of same sex relationships

THE FEARS

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND CONVERGE?	No.	WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND DIVERGE?	No.
<p>Lack of Vocations and its impact for the future church</p> <p>With the declining number of priests the church could disappear through scandals, bad press and indifference on peoples part. Fear of churches closing due to lack of priests and lay people.</p> <p>The collapse of the Church.</p>	7	<p>The church has failed to adapt</p> <p>Priests should marry if they want to.</p> <p>No priests = no sacraments</p> <p>Married men should be ordained priests.</p> <p>Priests who left to get married should be readmitted to ministry.</p> <p>Pope Francis</p> <p>I fear that Pope Francis cannot do what he wants to do.</p>	1 1 1 1 1 1
<p>The closure of parishes</p> <p>We fear the day will come when we won't be able to receive the sacraments and the Eucharist</p>	2	<p>Negative media influence</p> <p>That people will be influenced by the message of the media rather than that of the church.</p>	1
<p>Young people are forgotten</p> <p>That not enough is being done to engage the youth of today.</p> <p>That is reflected in their lack of attendance at mass.</p> <p>Something needs to be done otherwise a whole generation will be stolen from us by social media and the internet before they are properly formed.</p> <p>We have lost a whole generation.</p> <p>The church must change and priests need to come down to the level of young people</p> <p>There is lack of catechesis are primary school.</p> <p>We need to encourage them to see the value of the sacraments.</p>	15	<p>The holier than thou media commentators who dislike the church and constantly knock it.</p> <p>The media and current governments attitude towards the church.</p> <p>The rise and attitude of secular media and governments throughout Europe</p> <p>Fearful about the church in Germany and the way the German Bishops are talking to the secular media, before the synodal process has been taken to the Vatican</p>	1 1 1 1

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

WHAT THEMES ARE EMERGING FROM THE GATHERING?

There is a lot of hope for the future of the church in all the answers. There is a great maturity in Christianity expressed by these answers. People are worried about governance in the church. Problems associated with lack of vocations and women's role in the church need to be faced and addressed. The challenge we are facing is great.

WHAT MIGHT THE HOLY SPIRIT BE INDICATING IN THIS?

The Holy Spirit wants to enkindle in us the fire of his love so that creation and new life occurs.

We need to enter into a lengthy process to find a way forward in the future life and direction of the church.

The task ahead will not be simple or easy.

SIGNED	DATE
	22nd April 2022