

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, DIGBETH-WALKING TOGETHER: SYNOD 2021-2023

All St. Anne's Parishioners are invited to attend special meetings on the subject of the Synodal Pathway in response to request from Pope Francis to hear what is happening in local parishes. Pope Francis and Archbishop Bernard are keen to find out from parishioners what they think we should all be doing to help make our parishes better.

Pope Francis wants to involve every member of the Church worldwide in this process, and every parish in the world is asked to take part.

THE QUESTIONS

MEETING 1 - COMMUNION Saturday 22nd January

- 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) What are the means by which different voices can be heard in your parish (particularly those on the periphery of parish life)? Which groups and individuals are least included in your parish?
- 4) How is the Church perceived by members of your family, your friends and work colleagues?
- 5) How might the Church improve its decision-making processes?
- 6) Which of your concerns does the Church fail or struggle to respond to?

MEETING 2 - PARTICIPATION Saturday 5th February

- 7) How do you believe your presence at Mass makes a difference?
- 8) Explain what difference does it make in your life to receive the sacraments?
- 9) What part does prayer play in your life and your relationship with God/the Church?
- 10) How do you currently participate, personally, in the life of the Church? How much responsibility do you have as an individual?
- 11) How do families and young people effectively participate in the life of your parish? What do you do to support them?
- 12) How does your parish effectively identify and use the gifts of its people? How can we better enable full participation and co-responsibility in the life of the Church at the parish and diocesan levels?

MEETING 3 - MISSION Saturday 19th February

- 13) 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?
- 14) How does your experience of parish life allow you to reflect, develop, act on and speak about your faith?
- 15) In what ways is the call of Jesus to serve the poor a priority in the Church and especially in our parishes?
- 16) What more can we do in our parishes to address the needs of the poor (homeless, lonely, the bereaved, prisoner, the sick, people with addictions, refugees, people with disabilities, those who suffer in developing countries...?)