

Reflection Saturday Week 28 – 2021

In his letter to the Romans, Paul writes about the faith of Abraham as being the source of his becoming the father of many nations. We have recently celebrated Saints whose faith has inspired us and many others: John Henry Newman, Teresa of Avila, Therese of the Child Jesus etc. We need this inspiration and encouragement from the saints. Now, the Church is seeking inspiration from you the faithful. It recognises the importance and value of your faith and wants to use it as a source of inspiration for the Church of the future. To do this it has called a Synod. This Synod recognises that we are all on a *journey together*; laity, Cardinals, Bishops, priests, and religious and that we walk the same path on the same level. The synodal process wishes to discover different ways in which we can share our faith with confidence and with a love that is open and welcoming of others who share their faith with us. In the sharing, the Holy Spirit will strengthen us and lead us along paths we would never have been able to walk alone. Prayer for the Synod:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit.

With You alone to guide us,

make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go

and how we are to pursue it.

Let us find in You our unity

so that we may journey together

All this we ask of You,

who are at work in every place and time,

in the communion of the Father and the Son,

forever and ever. Amen.