

Synodal Pathway Submissions

What are the questions that are most important to you?

The tragedy of child abuse by some religious.
Lack of vocations

I am concerned about the judgmental nature of the Church's rules, rather than the promotion of God's love and forgiveness.

To keep the Catholic/Christian faith alive, respected and growing here in a land and continent where secularism is experienced.

It is vital that the Church does more to shake off its image as being outdated and show itself to be more in touch with what is happening in the modern world.

More should be done to tackle the issue of the huge drop in Mass numbers particularly among the young post confirmation.

Covid has been a time when the issue of mental health has been highlighted and that should not be ignored by the Church in the future.

A culture of irreverence is more and more evident throughout the Church and we need to return to a stronger sense of reverence.

There still needs to be a greater role in the Church for women and a better use of their talents and abilities throughout.

What do you expect and want from the Pope?

The leadership and example that we have seen from the Holy Father with his reaching out to the poor and a more Christ like attitude in all matters.

I find good things in both the new and old Mass. The liturgy of the eucharist is stronger in the old. The liturgy of the word is stronger in the new. Restricting so much of the old gives the strange picture of the church implying what made St Pio and St Therese holy is somehow not holy.

To uphold Catholic values with regards to justice and peace and right to life issues.

To lead the church in being more welcoming to divorces people, homosexual communities and other marginalized or shunned groups.

Leadership and a strong sense of Jesus and the catholic faith. Respecting tradition and initiating change when needed.

What do you expect of our Bishops?

Look again at evangelisation in the church.

Did we too quickly close our churches?

Delivering life through the sacraments is a priority.

To support the pope in his plans to make the Church more inclusive to people it currently condemns or marginalises.

I know little about the bishops of England as often do not see them or indeed really know who is *our* bishop. Are they pastors or bureaucrats?

What do you expect and want from the priests of our parish?

Continued celebration of the eucharist each day and spiritual guidance.

To feel more valued by their parishioners and the wider community recognising the many sacrifices they make and the challenges they have to deal with in supporting the parish spiritually and socially.

In this parish, more or less what we get: A well run and loving church and community, help and ministry.

What do you expect and want from one another as fellow parishioners?

Always a sense of charity and ongoing forgiveness where misunderstandings have arisen.

For links between the church and community to be reforged. For example preparation of children for the sacraments used to be done in school, this link seems to have been lost. Other religious communities

seem to take a more active role in the community eg Sikh or Methodist groups. Our church does not seem to prioritise this link currently and could perhaps have a greater role in supporting the wider community.

Kindness and thoughtfulness to each other and strangers.

I would like to see a stronger feeling of community and more friendliness especially to newcomers.

What do you expect and want from yourself as a disciple of Christ?

Love and serve the lord more and lead others to Christ by example.

To support any new initiatives the church proposes through prayer and active service.

More time for God and prayer and mass attendance and being a better person in general.

What do you hope from this Synodal Pathway?

The foundation for a new way forward.
That we are all equal in the eyes of God.

I am not sure! The last time this synod process happened, the findings were not published (as far as I am aware) and were not implemented.

I have no idea - I do not really understand its purpose and value!

It has been difficult to get a grip on what it actually all means and so I struggled to know how to respond adequately and engage with the process.

The affirmation of Christian, catholic teaching and its contribution to the beauty of western civilisation, learning and the higher arts.

A strong and express response by all members of the catholic church against the neo-Marxist teaching which has taken over all our institutions as EDI training. Having been pressured to undertake such "training" by my employee, I can avow that it is contrary to Christian and catholic teaching.

I cannot better stress the importance of affirming the teachings of Christ and the Church in particular the sanctity of human life against the destructiveness of neo-Marxism than with a quote from Qui Pluribus of Pope Pius IX . “...for if this doctrine were accepted, the complete destruction of everyone’s laws, government, property, and even of human society itself would follow.”

Any other considerations?

Twinning of parishes not in this country but with another in a poorer part of the world.

Everything in modern life seems to need a survey filled in at the end of it! And this seems a similar exercise to me.