

Archdiocese of Dublin

# *Opening Liturgy for Diocesan Synodal Pathway*



**ST MARY'S PRO-CATHEDRAL  
17TH OCTOBER 2021**

# OPENING

## GATHERING MUSIC

**Song:** Joseph Ever Faithful (Marie Dunne CHF)

**Song:** The Deer's Cry (Shaun Davey)

I arise today ...Christ with me

**Instrumental:** Súile an Choilm/The Eyes of the Dove (Ronan McDonagh)

Fiddle and Keyboard

**Introduction** Fr. Kieran McDermott (Chair – Synod Committee)

**Song:** Lord, You Have Come to the Seashore (Caesario Gabarain)

....desiring only that I will follow

## DIALOGUE (4 PEOPLE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE BOAT)

1.What is a Synodal Pathway? What does the word mean?

2. Why now?

3. What difference will it make?

4. Who will be involved?

# **PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD:** ***Adsumus Sancte Spiritus***

**We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.**

*(pause)*

**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.**

*(pause)*

**We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.**

*(pause)*

**Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.**

*(pause)*

**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.**

**Song**

Dem Bones (American Spiritual)  
Oh hear the Word of the Lord

# SCRIPTURE

## EZEKIEL 37:1-14 (2 VOICES)

37 The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. 3 He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know."

4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! 5 This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath[a] enter you, and you will come to life. 6 I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

11 Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' 12 Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. 14 I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'"

**Meditation** Veni Sancte Spiritus (Taizé) (Chant + vs.1 & 2 of Synodal Prayer)

## REFLECTION

# INTERCESSIONS

)As we await with longing the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, dear brothers and sisters, let us with renewed devotion beseech his mercy, that, as he came into the world to bring the Good News to the poor and to heal the contrite of heart, so in our own time, also, he may bring salvation to all in need.

1. For the Church. That we may journey as companions, side by side on the same road.
2. For listening ears. That our hearts and minds be open to listening to others without prejudice.
3. For the gift of speaking out. That we be encouraged in this Synodal journey to speak with courage and boldness, integrating freedom, truth, and love.
4. For a Church that celebrates. That our journey together in the coming months will be based on listening together to the Word of God and the celebration of the Eucharist in the communion of the People of God.
5. For our participation in the Mission of Christ. That through our Synodal journey together, we may grow in our shared responsibility of the mission that is entrusted to us.
6. For ourselves, gathered here. That this Synodal Process may lead us ever deeper into the communion of the Church, foster our participation in it, and equip us to go out on mission.

# GOSPEL

*The Book of the Gospels is brought forward*  
**Seinn Alleluia (Traditional)**

*- The Book of the Gospels is brought from its place in the sanctuary to the designated place in the boat from which the Gospel will be proclaimed.*

## SCRIPTURE      LUKE 5:1-7

"One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. 2 He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 5. Simon replied, 'Master, we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' 6. And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, 7. so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled both boats to sinking point."

Meditation    Veni Sancte Spiritus    (Chant + vs.3 and 4 of Synodal Prayer)

## REFLECTION

# INTERCESSIONS *CONTD*

1. For true dialogue in the Church and in Society. That through a path of perseverance, patience, and mutual understanding, we may be attentive to the experience of persons and peoples.
2. For the unity of Christians. That dialogue between Christians of different denominations, united by one Baptism, may radiate with new brightness on this Synodal journey.
3. For the exercise of authority and participation in the People of God. That the Synodal roots of the Church will bear fruit in new ways of being at the service of one another at all levels of the Body of Christ.
4. For our discernment to be led by the Holy Spirit. That all decisions made on this Synodal path may be discerned through a consensus that flows from our common obedience to the Holy Spirit.
5. For a spirituality of journeying together. That we may be formed as disciples of Christ, as families, as communities, and as human beings, through our experience of this Synodal journey.

O God, our refuge and our strength, hear the prayers of your Church, for you yourself are the source of all devotion, and grant, we pray, that what we ask in faith we may truly obtain. Through Christ our Lord.

## **Song/Refrain**

*Your Word is a Lamp (Margaret Rizza)*

Your word is a lamp for my feet

Your word is light for my path

Your word is a lamp for my feet



# THE SENDING OUT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 5 DIOCESAN PASTORAL AREAS ARE CALLED

**Archbishop** The Sending Forth

Fr Paul (Thornton), Rosaleen and Doreen will you invite the baptised in the deaneries of Blanchardstown, Fingal North and Maynooth to walk with you on the Synodal Pathway that we, as a diocese, have just begun?

**A. We Will**

Fr Liam (O'Cuiv), Aisling and Deacon Eamonn will you invite the baptised in the deaneries of Howth, Fingals South east and Finglas south west to walk with you on the Synodal Pathway that we, as a diocese, have just begun?

**A. We Will**

Fr Fergus (O'Connor), Geraldine and Jennifer will you invite the baptised in the deaneries of Bray, Dun Laoghaire, Wicklow and Donnybrook that we, as a diocese, have just begun?

**A. We Will**

Fr Robert (Colclough), Mark and Shebaun will you invite the baptised in the deaneries of North City Centre, South City Centre and Cullenswood to walk with you on the Synodal Pathway that we, as a diocese, have just begun?

**A. We Will**

Canon Liam (Rigney), Marcella and Natasha will you invite the baptised in the deaneries of Blessington, South Dublin and Tallaght to walk with you on the Synodal Pathway that we, as a diocese, have just begun?

**A. We Will**

**After each Jesus, Send Me (South African)**

**Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me, Lord**



### ***Raising the Diocesan Sail (Clontarf)***

Archbishop and two helpers hoist the sail with the Diocesan Synodal Logo indicating that the Synodal Pathway is now underway.....

#### **Blessing:**

#### **+ Blessing of Saint Columba**

Be a bright flame before me,  
a guiding star above me.  
Be a smooth path below me,  
a kindly shepherd behind me today,  
tonight, and for ever.  
May Almighty God + bless you....

#### **Song**

May the Road Rise to Meet You (Lori True)  
(Ecclesiastes verses)

# ABOUT THE LOGO



The Logo for the Dublin Archdiocese Synodal Path is inspired by the phrase

*'we are all in the same boat.'*<sup>1</sup>

- The lighthouse represents the guiding light of the Holy Spirit who guides us on our way
- The boat represents the Church, the People of God journeying together
- The water represents the waters of baptism and the equality of all the baptised

[1] Occurs in Fratelli Tutti no.32, The Preparatory Document for the Synod no.5 and the Vedemecum 2.3