



Synod Feedback Form

NAME OF PARISH	NAME OF PASTORAL GROUPING
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mourne Road, Drimnagh Dublin 12. D12 HX08	Good Counsel, Mourne Road, St. Agnes, Crumlin & St. Bernadette's, Clogher Road
VENUE OF GATHERINGS	IN PERSON OR ZOOM
Parish Pastoral Centre Drimnagh Main Church	In Person
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS (1 st Gathering)	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS (2 nd Gathering)
29	(only one initial gathering to answer all questions)

THE JOYS

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND CONVERGE?	No.	WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND DIVERGE?	No.
Gathering in Fellowship drawing strength from the Eucharist	17	Inclusivity & Dedication of the priests & people	3
Sense of belonging & acceptance	16	Peace in a quiet Church alone	2
Families for the Sacraments	16	Mass for the sick	2
Being forgiven	14		
Gift of Music; Choir	13		
Feeling welcome and at home in the church	13		

THE SORROWS

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND CONVERGE?	No.	WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND DIVERGE?	No.
Scandals/Cover ups/fall out	23	Huge drop off in attendance since pandemic	5
No place of welcome or understanding for the Gay Community. LGBTQ	17	Lack of commitment	4
Lack of compassion for some of the margins	14	Fewer people gathering to pray	2
Lack of Vocations	13		
Disconnect of Youth	13		
Women on the margins of Institutional Church	12		
Sadness around people feeling they don't need God in their lives	11		

THE HOPES

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND CONVERGE?	No.	WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND DIVERGE?	No.
Pope Francis, a great spiritual leader, does what he says leads by example, gives us a voice.	25	That the young church is empowered, revitalised, and activated.	6
Church has survived worse moments. God has a plan.	22	That the church will be cleansed in this time of testing, challenge, and purification from its dark sinful historical past.	4
Women to be given a more deserving prominent role of leadership in the hierarchical church.	20	Priests of this moment are doing great work.	3
Under Francis' leadership Church become a more all inclusive church where all feel welcome & belong.	16	More young people would return to church and take on the leadership role of their baptism, which would offer great hope for a brighter faithfilled future	2
God will have the final word.	14		

THE FEARS

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND CONVERGE?	No.	WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND DIVERGE?	No.
Scandals will have destroyed the Irish Catholic Church forever.	25	No one to bury the dead, or preside over the Sacraments.	5
No more priest or vocations.	21	People no longer believe, bible regarded as fairy tales.	3
Churches will close.	17		
Church will become more and more irrelevant.	13	Beautiful Churches either deconsecrated or even dismantled.	3
Profound loss of faith across the whole of society, and loss of moral voice	11		

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

WHAT THEMES ARE EMERGING FROM THE GATHERING?
<p>Genuine worry about the erosion of faith, and lack of passing on same from the family home. Only a handful of Youth of all ages still actively engaged in their church, and unless something radical is done, we believe the disconnect is only going to get greater.</p> <p>There is also a thirst in our Parish team to find a holistic Pathway to reach out in a truly compassionate Pastoral way not only to our Youth, but also to the LGBTQ Community, who like all of us are made in the image of likeness of the Creator as his children.</p>

WHAT MIGHT THE HOLY SPIRIT BE INDICATING IN THIS?

The animators alongside our Parish Team believe the Holy Spirit is calling us to be a more open church, a church imperfect but with a listening heart, with a desire to heal the brokenness of the past but not to live in it, or wallow or feel sorry for ourselves. We need to follow the prompting and guidance not just of the Holy Spirit, but of the Holy Father, to be a genuine listening church in order to understand where our people are.

We have to learn as the Holy Spirit is showing us that as the world evolves we too as church must learn to evolve, in order to be more relevant to peoples lives. Whether this be grasping the idealism, imagination, enthusiasm, and energy of our Youth who are trying to reach out to the new continent of the LGBTQ to find a middle ground of respect and listening, in order to find a meeting of hearts and minds, otherwise we continue to drift in a fog of indifference, instead of impacting positively and creatively the people of God who we are called to serve.

Maybe as our group suggested that the Holy Spirit is saying we need to allow ourselves to be evangelised anew, before we can evangelise anyone else. The pathway ahead is exciting but demands courage, compassion, tenderness, but above all “true presence”, to the Spirit’s prompting of today.

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