

Parish of St. Ultan

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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BOYERSTOWN
28th August 2022
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Mon-Fri 9.30-1.00

'We are called to be a welcoming caring faith community who bring people to Jesus who sends us out with Good News for all'.

SYNTHESIS

In the coming weeks we will include some of the main themes from the National Synthesis of the Synodal Pathway Consultation sent to Rome this week.

(iii) Clergy

Participants expressed much appreciation for our priests. Their dedication, hard work, presence and pastoral care was frequently acknowledged during the consultation process. Many of those responding to the synod recognised that they are over-worked and often feel burdened by the weight of governance and administration. In the submissions, there is a lot of concern expressed for our ageing clergy. The role of the priest is valued and, will continue to play an essential part in communities of faith. Some participants were concerned that some younger priests are very traditional and rigid in their thinking and may not have the requisite skills for co-responsible leadership. There were calls for better training for our clergy. Priests need to be formed in the skills required to minister and lead in a synodal Church. Some priests themselves said they would need this assistance. Others are reluctant to let go of long-held roles. Others are feeling “edged out” with diminishing power and relevancy. At the national pre-synodal assembly, concern was raised that the voice of clergy was not as prominent as it might have been in the process.

On the other hand, clergy often wished to create an environment where parishioners were free to speak their minds and accordingly absented themselves from public meetings. In some cases, clergy simply chose not to engage. There were calls from both young and older participants for optional celibacy, married priests, female priests, and the return of those who had left the priesthood to marry. Clericalism in all its forms was frequently associated with hurt and abuse of power by participants in the process. Some declared that the structures of the Church are not inclusive but patriarchal, hierarchical, and feudal. There was concern expressed that many priests are resistant to change; that they feel they don't have anything further to learn and view the local parish as 'my parish' not 'our parish'. There was a sense that the permanent diaconate has been welcomed but is not always understood. A new model for the selection of bishops was also sought and a number of participants indicated that it ought to include a wider participation of the People of God.

Humility is down-to-earth honesty by Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM-The Irish Catholic

Humility is not paralysed by the crippling fear of failure because the humble person is not overly concerned with personal success. God is not demanding that we succeed, only that we try our best. Humility refrains from passing derogatory judgement on others from a position of moral superiority because there go I but for the grace of God. The inspirational ideal of the prophet Micah is to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.

Legion of Mary Centenary Concert will take place in surroundings St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin on Saturday 3rd of September at 8.00pm (doors open at 7:30pm) **Bookings: Eventbrite: Search Legion of Mary Centenary Concert Tickets: €30 (premium - seating in reserved area) & €20 (general admission)**

Dromantine Retreat and Conference Centre SATURDAY WORKSHOP -WHEN IT IS DARKEST: Understanding Suicide

Saturday, 24th September 2022 - €45. Everyone welcome.
Workshop Facilitator: Father Hugh Lagan SMA Please contact Jacinta or Louisa to reserve your place: TEL: 048 3082 1964. EMAIL: admin@dromantineconference.com

