

Together on the road



Be coming

the

Church

we

are

called to be

**SYNOD** 2020

Archdiocese of Liverpool

**Synod Sunday, 21 October 2018**

Liturgy Pack



## CONTENTS

### **PREPARING FOR SYNOD SUNDAY**

- NOTES FOR NEWSLETTERS
- PREPARING THE CHURCH
- PRIMARY SCHOOL PROJECT
- FOOTPRINTS TEMPLATE

### **MASS FOR SYNOD SUNDAY**

- INTRODUCTION TO MASS
- PENITENTIAL ACT
- PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
- MUSIC
- PSALM SETTING

### **OTHER RESOURCES**

- WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS
- LEAFLET & POSTER (ARRIVING SEPARATELY)
- PASTORAL LETTER (ARRIVING SEPARATELY)

ALL OF THE RESOURCES INCLUDED IN THIS PACK ARE ALSO DOWNLOADABLE  
FROM **[WWW.SYNOD2020.CO.UK](http://WWW.SYNOD2020.CO.UK)**

AND

**[WWW.LIVERPOOLCATHOLIC.ORG.UK/SYNOD2020](http://WWW.LIVERPOOLCATHOLIC.ORG.UK/SYNOD2020)**

***Together on the road – Becoming the Church we are called to be***



**For the weekend of October 6<sup>th</sup> + 7<sup>th</sup>**

SYNOD 2020: Coming Soon: SYNOD SUNDAY. On the weekend of October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> we will be celebrating Synod Sunday. This is the first opportunity for you to hear in detail about the Synod and to pick up a leaflet giving you information about how to be involved. Don't miss this opportunity.

**For the weekend of October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>**

SYNOD 2020: Next weekend is the first Synod Sunday. There will be a letter from the Archbishop telling us about the Synod and about how we can get involved. The Archbishop will also tell us why he has decided to call a Synod. A special leaflet has been prepared which you will be able to get next weekend. Please keep the Synod in your prayers.

**For the weekend of October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**

SYNOD 2020: This weekend we are celebrating Synod Sunday. Please make sure you pick up the leaflet that is available and that you take note of the dates for the Synod Open Meeting. The meeting nearest to us is..... at 7.30pm – 9pm, except Isle of Man.

29<sup>th</sup> October St Joseph's Penketh

30<sup>th</sup> October LACE

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November in the Isle of Man (10.00am – 12pm)

7<sup>th</sup> November Holy Rosary Aintree

8<sup>th</sup> November St Mary's Leyland

The Archbishop wants us to tell everyone we can about the Synod.

***Together on the road – Becoming the Church we are called to be***



## **DISPLAY**

You will soon be receiving a Synod information leaflet which folds out to become a Synod Poster. Together with some of the quotes from Pope Francis this could form the basis of a Synod Sunday display in your church.

## **DECORATING THE CHURCH**

A display of items used on a journey could be placed where people will see it as they enter church or somewhere near the front.

Rucksack, boots, food and drink, walking stick, map and compass etc.

The Synod poster could be laminated and placed by your display. “We are pilgrims on a journey”.

These items could be used in the Children’s Liturgy of the Word and brought by them into church or be carried into Mass by members of the parish at the entrance procession to form a display at the front of the church.

***Together on the road – Becoming the Church we are called to be***



You might invite children in your parish school to draw around their feet and cut out the footprint. They might colour them in or write their name on the footprint. The older children might draw a picture relating to the theme of how we serve each other or how Jesus helps us etc. Children who use a wheelchair or walking aid might like to come up with their own design for the track they make on their journey.

These feet could be placed on the floor of the church using double sided tape, leading to the altar and then back out from the church into the world, or they could be used in a display on a notice board.

The feet could be used to help us reflect on the kind of Church we will be leaving to the next generation. What are our children and grandchildren going to need from our parish in years to come?

You might like to provide packs of A4 coloured card for your school to use. The feet can be attached to the floor using double sided stickers or tape. These are available from well-known on-line suppliers.

On the next page is a brief letter that you could give to the Headteacher of your school which explains what we are asking them to do.

Also included is a footprints template which can be photocopied and cut up on which people could write their names or their prayers for the parish. These could be placed in a basket placed near the altar during Mass or on a prayer board.

We would be very grateful if you could send in photographs of your displays and footprints that we can put on the Synod website or use in the future –

**[synod2020@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:synod2020@rcaol.co.uk)**



Dear

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October is “Synod Sunday”. In October 2020 the Archdiocese of Liverpool will hold a gathering called a “Synod” to reflect on what God might be asking of us today and making decisions about the future of our Church. Synod Sunday is a moment when the Church throughout the Archdiocese will pray for God’s blessing on this venture.

The word “Syn-od” originally meant “Together on the road”. To help us reflect on our journey over the next two years towards Synod 2020 we would like to have footprints to decorate our church, leading to the altar and then leading us back out again into the world.

Would it be possible for the children in our school to prepare these footprints for us?

The children could draw around their feet and cut out the shape of their foot. They could colour in the footprint or write their name on it.

Children who use a wheelchair or walking aid might like to come up with their own design for the tracks they make on their journey.

They could alternatively draw a picture on their footprint of how we can serve each other as Christ has taught us. The Gospel reading at Mass on Synod Sunday is:

**Mark 10:42-45**

Jesus called the Twelve to him and said to them, ‘You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; **anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant**, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. **For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve**, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’

If you and the children can help us we would need to have the footprints by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October**.

Thank you.

***Together on the road – Becoming the Church we are called to be***



***Before Mass begins a parishioner might introduce “Synod Sunday” and explain what will be different about the Mass today.***

Welcome everyone.

Today we are celebrating “Synod Sunday”.

At the invitation of Archbishop Malcolm, the Archdiocese of Liverpool, people and priests together, are embarking upon a journey that will lead us to an Archdiocesan Synod in October 2020 . During the next two years we will gather to reflect on what God is asking of our Church in the years to come. We will hear more about this Synod during the Mass and there are leaflets for you to take home to read.

Today we have been asked to pray for God’s blessing on these next two years as we try to listen to each other, to the world we are living in, and to the voice of the Holy Spirit. The word “Synod” originally meant “Together on the Road”. The idea of being on a journey together in God’s Church is a part of our prayer today.

***If your primary school have produced a display of footprints also add...***

You might have noticed the footprints around the church which have been prepared by the children of our school. We can pray about our children and our grandchildren today. What kind of church do we want them to find here in the years to come?

***If there is a display of things for the journey also add...***

There’s a little display here too with things that you need for a journey – you can see a rucksack, food and drink, good shoes, a map and a compass. Let’s pray that we will stay faithful to the journey that God is asking us to walk together as members of His Church.



***Together on the road – Becoming the Church we are called to be***



I *(Based on the Readings)*

Lord Jesus, you came not to be served, but to serve:

Lord, have mercy.

You gave your life as a ransom for many:

Christ, have mercy.

You show us your mercy and give us your help:

Lord, have mercy.

II *(Based on Psalm 32)*

Lord Jesus, your word is faithful, and your works are to be trusted:

Lord, have mercy.

You fill the earth with your love:

Christ, have mercy.

You look on those who revere you and hope in your love:

Lord, have mercy.

III *(Based on Synod themes)*

Lord Jesus, you show us how to be your Church in the world today:

Lord, have mercy.

You speak to us through the lives of those around us:

Christ, have mercy.

You walk with us as we journey together to the Father:

Lord, have mercy.



**PRIEST:** Christ is among us now as the one who serves us. It's with trust in His great mercy that we ask for His help.

**READER:**

As we begin our journey towards Synod 2020 we pray for our Archbishop Malcolm. May he know the guidance of the Holy Spirit as he leads our Church.

Lord in your mercy **R/ Hear our prayer.**

On this World Mission Day we pray for those who have been forced to make a journey they did not wish for. We pray for refugees, the homeless and those who are seeking work.

Lord in your mercy **R/ Hear our prayer.**

We ask God to help us to listen:

to keep us humble enough to know that we still have much to learn from Him.

In our conversations with each other may we hear the voice of the Holy Spirit guiding us on our journey.

Lord in your mercy **R/ Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are on a difficult stage of their journey through life and for those who walk with them, trying to lighten their burden.

Lord in your mercy **R/ Hear our prayer.**

We ask the help of Mary, the Mother of the Church, as we say:

HAIL MARY ...

**PRIEST:** Loving God, hear the prayers we have spoken aloud, and the cry of our hearts that is known to you alone. We make all our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. **R/ Amen.**

***Together on the road – Becoming the Church we are called to be***

These suggested hymns reflect the readings and/or the Synod themes

- City of God (*Awake from your slumber*) – Dan Schutte SJ
- Brother, sister, let me serve you – Richard Gillard
- The Kingdom – Mike Anderson
- Guide me, O thou great Redeemer – W Williams
- Walk with me, O my Lord – Estelle White
- From heaven you came (*The Servant King*) – G Kendrick
- Lord all the world belongs to you – Patrick Appleford
- Take my hands – Sebastian Temple
- Will you come and follow me – John Bell
- All my hope on God is founded – J Neander / Robert Bridges
- Jesus, You are Lord – Mary Barrett
- Make me a channel of your peace – Sebastian Temple
- We are marching in the Light of God - Traditional
- Any hymn setting of Psalm 23



***Together on the road – Becoming the Church we are called to be***

## May your love be upon us, O Lord

$\text{♩} = 102$

Based on Psalm 32(33)

29th Sunday (Year B)

Mike Anderson

*With gentleness and quiet confidence*

F B $\flat$  C F Dm C

**Response:** May your love be up - on us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in

4 F B $\flat$  C F B $\flat$  C F

you. May your love be up - on us, O Lord, as we

7 Dm C F *Fine* B $\flat$

place all our hope in you.   
 v.1 The word of the Lord is   
 v.2 The Lord looks on those who   
 v.3 The Lord is our help and

10 C Cm D

faith - ful and all his works we can trust.   
 love him, on those who hope in his love.   
 shields us. Our soul is wait - ing for him.

13 Gm C Dm B $\flat$  Dm7 C *D.C. al Fine*

He loves jus - tice and right! He loves jus - tice and right!   
 He will res - cue their souls! He will res - cue their souls!   
 May his love rest on us! May his love rest on us!

**N.B.** The cantor should feel free to improvise the verses within the chord structure.

© Mike Anderson 2003

Based on Psalm 32(33) © The Grail England, and used with permission.

[www.mikeanderson.net/Upcoming%20Psalms.htm](http://www.mikeanderson.net/Upcoming%20Psalms.htm)





***In these words of Pope Francis he explores what it means to be Church. A few lines from these could be used in your parish newsletter, before the dismissal on Synod Sunday, or they could form part of your Synod Sunday display.***

“The Church’s mission in the world proceeds through the contribution of all those who are part of her. Some think there are bosses in the Church: the Pope, the bishops, the priests, and then there are the others. No: the Church is all of us! And we all have the responsibility to sanctify one another, to take care of the others.

The Church is all of us. Each one has his or her work in the Church, but she is all of us. Indeed, we should think of the Church as a living organism, made up of people we know and with whom we journey, and not as an abstract and distant reality.

The Church is we who are journeying; the Church is we who are here today. We: this is the Church.”

*General Audience, 6 June 2018*

“The thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds. ... And you have to start from the ground up.”

*Interview with Fr Antonio Spadaro SJ, August 2013*

***Together on the road – Becoming the Church we are called to be***



“How are we treating the people of God? I dream of a Church that is a mother and shepherdess. The Church’s ministers must be merciful, take responsibility for the people and accompany them like the good Samaritan, who washes, cleans and raises up his neighbour. This is pure Gospel. God is greater than sin. The structural and organisational reforms are secondary – that is, they come afterward. The first reform must be the attitude.

The ministers of the Gospel must be people who can warm the hearts of the people, who walk through the dark night with them, who know how to dialogue and to descend themselves into their people’s night, into the darkness, but without getting lost.

The people of God want pastors, not clergy acting like bureaucrats or government officials. The bishops, particularly, must be able to support the movements of God among their people with patience, so that no one is left behind. But they must also be able to accompany the flock that has a flair for finding new paths.

“Instead of being just a Church that welcomes and receives by keeping the doors open, let us try also to be a Church that finds new roads, that is able to step outside itself and go to those who do not attend Mass, to those who have quit or are indifferent. The ones who quit sometimes do it for reasons that, if properly understood and assessed, can lead to a return. But that takes audacity and courage.”

*Interview with Fr Antonio Spadaro SJ, August 2013*

***Together on the road – Becoming the Church we are called to be***