



On Wednesday 17th November in St Mary's Parish Centre, Slieverue, members of Ferrybank, Glenmore, Rosbercon and Slieverue Pastoral Councils gathered to begin a synodal journey in our Pastoral Area.

Recently you will have heard a lot about Pope Francis decision to launch a process which it is hoped will lead to a 'synodal' church. Simply put synodality means listening to each other so we can 'walk together' more effectively.

Our gathering on Wednesday 17th November provided an opportunity to listen to each other as we explored how we can walk together as a pastoral Area, responding to the needs of our parish communities. Many initiatives were proposed which we hope will revitalise our pastoral area in faith and lead to a more synodal way of being a living church.

Synodal Prayer

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

*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.*

*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.

*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.*

*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.



<https://www.synod.va/en.html>

Synodality is the way of being the Church today according to the will of God, in a dynamic of discerning and listening together to the voice of the Holy Spirit."

Pope Francis