

Everything you want to know is on a special page on the Diocesan website:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/#synodprocess>

Bishop Pat invites you to join him on **Zoom** or **Facebook** or **Youtube** at **7.00pm** this **Sunday night (17 October)** for a liturgy to launch the Synod in our Diocese at Zoom/Facebook

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86115722795?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86115722795?pwd=MEFMM0Q5ZTBEUHM0RIZaMCtOTW9xUT09)

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**Meeting ID: 861 1572 2795 / Passcode: 247437**

I am sorry to say that Covid has completely messed up the timetable, both in terms of time — we should have started early last year — and in terms of the possibility of gathering. The concluding date for submissions is 20 December.

In practice this means that we simply cut our losses and do what we can. Our Parish Councils will meet together on Monday night, and we will see how we can proceed and we'll let you know after that. All communications will be sent out to those who are registered to receive the newsletter. If you haven't registered, please do so. And Lockdown level 3 gives you a wonderful opportunity to talk about something different — our Parish and our Church!! *Come, Holy Spirit and guide us all!*

**My homily for this Sunday is available at**

[https://share.icloud.com/photos/0ug7kv2N\\_Mu5VuNYTdw6666og](https://share.icloud.com/photos/0ug7kv2N_Mu5VuNYTdw6666og)

#### FOODBANKS

South Auckland Christian Foodbank: (0508) 242 643

Vinnies Auckland, Onehunga: 815 6122 or (0800) 680 090

MUMA: (0800) 686 232 - Work and Income: (0800) 559 009

#### NAME

Women's Refuge

Shine

Alcohol and Drug Helpline

Oranga Tamariki call centre

CADS

Narcotics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous

Lifeline

Youthline

Samaritans

Depression Helpline

Suicide Prevention Helpline

#### NAME

Fairway Mediation Services

Linkpeople (homeless)

#### CONTACT DETAILS

0800 REFUGE

0508 744 633

0800 787 797

0508 FAMILY

09 845 1818

0800 628 632

0800 229 6757

0800 543 354 or free text 4357

0800 376 633

0800 726 666

0800 111 757

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**29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 October 2021**

## St Teresa of Avila Doctor of the Church October 15

Saint Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) was a contemplative nun, religious reformer, and gifted spiritual writer who founded the Discalced Carmelites and became the first woman to be named Doctor of the Church.

"Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid. All things are passing. God alone never changes. Patience gains all things. If you have God you will want for nothing. God alone suffices."



"Prayer is the doorway through which God's greatest gifts enter my soul."

*St Teresa of Avila  
Pray for us!*

*Dear Parishioners,*

I write to you yet again from lockdown level 3. I know that some of us are finding the passing weeks increasingly demanding. Lots of encouragement to you.

Thank you to the many people in our Parish who keep us all in their prayer every day. The principle is: keep reaching out in love. Keep phoning someone each day. You never know what good your simple act of love can do.

If it is getting too hard, the Gospel response is the same, please reach out for help and support. I attach below the Diocese's list of people you can ring.

A special thought for you girls and boys that you still cannot return to school and re-connect with your friends and your teachers and classmates. On the other hand, I do hope you have been able to enjoy your holidays.

### **Pope Francis' call for a worldwide Synod: Walking Together | Communion | Participation | Mission**

I now turn to an important event in the life of the worldwide Church, and of our Diocese and our Parish.

Pope Francis has invited us all to explore a new way of being Church together, what he calls a 'synodal way.' The word Synod comes from two Greek words, syn (with) and hodos (road). We can translate it as 'walking together on our faith journey'.

In recent centuries, the Church has been governed by the Pope's administration in Rome together with the College of Bishops. But the authority has rested firmly in Rome, with mixed blessings.

Pope Francis envisages a Church where all people have the opportunity to participate in the shaping of the church of the future.

Not only the centre of the Church is to be the source of our direction, but centre and periphery together are to share in the discernment of where we as a Church need to go.

This is the 'synodal' way of being church. What do you think?? Pope Francis stresses the participation of all the baptized, who are baptized to share in the priesthood of Christ, in his prophetic ministry, and in his ministry for the kingdom of God.

"Prophetic" here means not foretelling the future, but bringing ourselves in our situation — and our Diocese, our country and our world — into engagement with the Word of God which we hear every Sunday and have our say in discerning where the Holy Spirit wants us to go in our journey together.

The Pope's question to us is:

***How does this "journeying together" take place today, locally and internationally, allowing the Church to proclaim the Gospel? And what steps is the Holy Spirit inviting us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church?***

The Pope lists four goals in this process of renewing the Church: Walking Together; Communion; Participation, and Mission. The 'how' of the process has three essential parts: We come together to 'encounter' or 'meet' each other to explore together; we 'listen' — no authoritarian 'telling' —; and we 'discern'.

The last part is the most significant. To 'discern' God's will is for the future path of the church. In practice, how does this work? Ideally, we gather, each as a separate Parish, or as two Parishes together, let everyone have their say, listen carefully, and prayerfully discern what we want the Pope, our Bishop, and our parishioners to hear.

This will be forwarded to the Bishop, who will gather all diocesan discernments into a Diocesan discernment, thence to a national and perhaps 'continental' discernment, which will then go to the major synod in Rome.

I stress that you can say what you like, and you can also make your personal submission to the process. And most importantly, I stress that you, or those who know who have left, or given up on the Church, and those who are in ecumenical marriages, our young people especially from years 12 and 13 forward into your 20's and 30's are especially invited.

Our future Church desperately needs **YOUR** specific input.