



Synod Feedback

NAME OF PARISH	NAME OF PASTORAL GROUPING
Yellow Walls Parish, Malahide.	Malahide, Portmarnock, Yellow Walls and Kinsealy.
VENUE OF GATHERINGS	IN PERSON OR ZOOM
Malahide Rugby Club	In Person
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS (1 st Gathering)	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS (2 nd Gathering)
(7 th April)	(21 st April)
32	26

THE JOYS

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND CONVERGE?	No.	WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND DIVERGE?	No.
Sharing Faith and similar values.	5		
Listening to the word of God.	2		
Praying to departed loved ones.	1		
Music.	9		
Helping others.	2		
Ritual of Ceremonies and sacraments.	5		
The sense of belonging to Community.	21		
Comfort in time of sorrow.	3		
Social interaction, hospitality-tea+coffee.	3		
Prayer, worship, Mass and sacraments.	17		
Friendship, acceptance and presence.	9		
Lighting candles.	1		
Presence of priest.	1		
Sense of mystery, eternal life.	1		
Being in a place of peace and tranquillity.	13		

THE SORROWS

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND CONVERGE?	No.	WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND DIVERGE?	No.
Lack of vocations or priests.	3	<p>“The unaccountable suffering as a result and consequence of the abortion laws passed recently in this country. The murdering of 222 unborn babies daily here in Ireland. There was a lack of direct instruction from the pulpit almost a silence from our clergy.”</p> <p>“That I went through such turmoil when separated as I wasn’t allowed to receive holy communion. I did not get an annulment as I had no children. However, my sibling who had two children got an annulment. So, this gave in my opinion a very sad message to my two nephews.”</p>	1
Decline, lack of action and disfunction of church.	9		
Scandal and abuse.	7		
Money driven church.	2		
Church keeping power and control by fear and oppression.	2		
Exclusion of minority groups (LGBT)	4		
Churches resistance to change.	3		
Married priests.	3		
The role of women in church.	4		
Lack of young people.	9		
Lonely life of priests.	1		
Lack of sacramental preparation.	1		
Lack of training for lay people.	2		
Lack of instruction for young people.	1		
No evening Masses for people who work during the day.	1		
Lack of leadership and support from hierarchy in media, afraid to say anything.	4		
Peoples needs and opinions not listened to.	3		
Witnessing decline in Mass and church ceremony attendance.	2		
Lack of engagement with social media, God not being heard.	1		

THE HOPES

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND CONVERGE?	No.	WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND DIVERGE?	No.
Positive leadership and example from Pope Francis.	4		
The church will survive but in a different or changed form.	5		
The maintaining of our core values.	2		
More lay leadership and involvement.	3		
Youth involvement in schools.	1		
Covid restrictions being lifted, returning to church is hopeful and positive.	1		
In times of tragedy there are also good things happening.	1		
The Synodal process, the spirit is listening.	2		
The acts of faith, hope , love and prayer.	3		
Experiencing the risen Christ.	3		
Trust in Gods plan which is for the good. (consoling)	1		
Seeing a vibrant church in other countries gives hope.	1		
The graces that are received in the sacraments will lead to a return to the church.	1		
The strong faith that is communicated by the Parish Priest.	1		
Being able to participate in a Faith community, ritual that gives meaning.	6		
Witnessing worship in other forms.	1		

THE FEARS

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND CONVERGE?	No.	WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND DIVERGE?	No.
Lack of leadership from the hierarchy.	6	“Despair at the loss of souls to the devil.”	1
Apathy among clergy.	6		
No priests no Mass.	7		
Where do we go now?	1		
Failure to include marginalised, LGBT etc.	4		
No teaching on developing personal relationship with God.	2		
The church not trusting lay people, not letting go of power.	2		
Young generation not having any faith or belief in God.	3		
No religious education in schools, need for Sunday school.	2		
The a la carte interpretation of religion.	1		
Our response is too late – soon there will be little left. (despair)	1		
Not enough prayer.	2		
The closure of our church – nowhere to worship.	1		
The churches resistance to change – wanting to keep old ways instead of developing new ones.	3		
No religion in families – no passing on of faith.	1		
Women’s role in church, need for women priests.	1		
Lack of belief or conviction from church leadership that God will see us through this decline.	2		