

# Synod 2020 - Paper Voting Document

You spoke, we listened, we fed back, they made proposals...

NOW it's time to vote!



**This is 1 of your 3 Ways to VOTE!**

**This is the 'Voting Sheet'.**

Please, when completed, return this sheet to the box near the Synod Display at the front of church.

Please do take a 'voting sheet' for a friend if they cannot currently make it to church and for anyone whom you know would like a say on the future of the Catholic church in our Archdiocese.

Also please encourage people to vote on-line at

<https://forms.gle/hoDT27vz7kap4fRu9>

**Voting starts on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November.**

**Votes MUST be in by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Make sure your voice is heard. Vote on the Synod proposals!**



**YOUR VOTE MATTERS**

# Synod 2020 - Chorley Pastoral Area Summary of Proposals Feedback Form

Please find below the reduced summary of proposals from the Synod 2020 review. To review the full summary of proposals please visit the Synod 2020 website.

Email address

Your email

Please select your Parish from the list below. \*

- St Mary's, Mount Pleasant
- St Gregory's, Weld Bank
- St Joseph's, Bolton Road, Anderton
- St Chad's, Town Lane, South Hill
- St Joseph's, Bury Lane, Withnell
- St Bede's, Preston Toad, Clayton-le-Woods
- St Oswald's, Tansley Avenue, Coppull
- St Joseph's, Chapel Food, Hoghton
- Sacred Heart, Brooke Street

Please select the age category below that most reflects your current age. \*

- 1 - 11
- 12 - 16
- 18 - 29
- 30 - 39
- 40 - 49
- 50 - 59
- 60 - 69
- 70 - 79
- 80+

## Summary Proposals: Theme 1 - All called and gifted by God

(Please select the main 4-5 proposals which you are most drawn to from the list below)

- Decision making should be transparent and collective. Parish pastoral councils to be established in each parish with clear terms of reference from Archbishop Malcolm.
- Pastoral area forums established to inform effective collaboration and strategic decision making in pastoral areas
- Clear roles established for lay people within parishes to support decision making and development of parish life.
- All levels of governance do so in an honest, transparent and open way ensuring that it consults and respects the views of affected communities.
- The structures of governance are constituted in a way that reflects and represents the diversity of the People of God.
- We work to remove barriers that prevent people from fully living their baptismal vocation by developing training programmes to combat unconscious bias within structures and communities.
- Parish and pastoral area communities should benefit from professional lay ministers including pastoral associates and youth workers.
- Adult faith formation in the Archdiocese focuses on the development of good quality resources that meet local needs.
- Adult faith formation focuses on the training of trainers to deliver the formation locally.
- Increased resources to be allocated to young adult ministry and pastoral formation for those aged 18-30.
- The Archdiocese initiate a process that ensures women are equal, valued, visible and heard.
- Schools and parishes work together to find creative and accessible ways in which young people have an active voice in the synod always structures of our parishes and pastoral areas.
- Lay vocation is truly valued and the voice of lay people is heard in a more structured way.
- Seminary training takes place within the Archdiocese with studies being undertaken at local universities and seminarians living in local houses of formation.
- A robust programme of ongoing formation is developed for the wellbeing of priests and deacons that meets their needs.
- Safeguarding is a standing agenda item at every parish council meeting and the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Team lead on informing what key thematic issues need to be considered during a year.
- Pastoral areas develop and implement strategies for more effective communication and collaboration between parishes including sharing resources and good practice.
- Innovative ways be found to create links between school and parish.
- A thorough review of the RE syllabus
- Pastoral area communities are supported, encouraged and empowered by the Archdiocese to reflect on their needs and the needs of their wider community to inform the appropriate use of buildings.

## Summary Proposals: Theme 2 - Sharing the mission of Jesus

(Please select the main 4-5 proposals which you are most drawn to from the list below)

### Theme 2 - Sharing the mission of Jesus \*

- The Archdiocese develops a new framework for evangelisation to include a bespoke Archdiocesan course for evangelisation. Preparation and celebration of the sacraments makes the most of the opportunity to evangelise.
- Programmes of sacramental formation are adapted to reflect what the Eucharist means in light of COVID-19

- There should be a review and reconfiguration of the pastoral areas structure
- The Archdiocese reviews how it offers formation and Catholic teaching for life.
- With the Archdiocese becoming increasingly multicultural and ethnically diverse this is reflected in the way religious education and formation is delivered.
- Every school and parish community develops and implements a five, ten and fifteen year environmental plan based on the principles of Laudato Si'.
- Pastoral areas or clusters of parishes work together to reflect on the needs of the communities they serve, the support available and effective responses.
- The parishes of the Archdiocese should always be at the forefront of reaching out to those in most need following the lessons learnt and experiences of the pandemic.
- Ways are found at Archdiocesan, parish, and individual level to humbly and honestly look at racism in the Church.
- The Archdiocese, in collaboration with local communities and ecumenical partners, undertake an innovative review of the buildings we have in our parishes with a view to their better use to serve the mission of the Church.
- The Archdiocese develops a new communication and media strategy that enables people to learn, be informed, communicate and evangelise.
- There are regular, well advertised opportunities for worship, service and socialising for young people across pastoral areas.
- The links between schools and parishes are strengthened to better serve the mission of the Church.
- Each pastoral area there are opportunities to belong to small groups for formation, prayer, socialising and action.

### Summary Proposals: Theme 3 - Opportunities for Prayer

(Please select the main 4-5 proposals which you are most drawn to from the list below)

#### Theme 3 - Opportunities for Prayer

- We are proactive in using opportunities for ecumenical and interfaith prayer, action and formation.
- Traditional devotions be renewed for our age.
- Across the Archdiocese there is access to a variety of liturgical styles and celebrations.
- The Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite be more widely available.
- Resources are found to promote good liturgical music.
- The Archbishop asks the Bishops' Conference to review the current translation of the Roman Missal.
- An Archdiocesan programme of liturgical formation is developed for all the People of God
- Following Covid-19, people have a renewed understanding that the Church is the people not the buildings. Home is a holy place and proposes that resources are provided to support and develop the domestic Church.
- An annual retreat is offered in each pastoral area.
- The gifts of lay people are used more fully in the celebration of the liturgy.
- On weekdays, when Mass is not celebrated, a variety of services should be provided, e.g. Divine Office, Rosary and novenas.
- In each area there should be a Shrine Church which will become a hub of daily celebration of Mass and confession and will be open all day, every day.
- By collaborating in local clusters, parishes will work imaginatively in sharing resources and providing widespread times of Masses and other services.
- When a priest is on holiday Mass is not celebrated in the Church(es) where he normally celebrates Mass.

- We are creative in how we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Ways are found to support and value the sick and housebound as praying members of our communities.
- Parishes find ways to involve the gifts of young people in liturgical celebration.
- Social media opportunities are used effectively and all parishes are supported in producing and maintaining their digital profile.
- The development of an effective communications strategy at the service of prayer and mission.
- The Archdiocese supports every parish in providing live streaming of liturgy.

## Summary Proposals: Theme 4 - Building community, nurturing belonging

(Please select the main 4-5 proposals which you are most drawn to from the list below)

### Theme 4 - Building community, nurturing belonging \*

- Emphasis should be placed on making our churches and parishes welcoming and inclusive, that parishioners need training in the Ministry of welcome and that the welcome we give must be inclusive of all.
- An Archdiocesan ministry to the LGBTQI community be developed.
- Deacons and / or lay people be given a share in the pastoral care of some parishes under the direction of an appointed priest.
- That parishes exercise proper, transparent and honest stewardship and accountability.
- Each parish develops an emergency response plan in light of what we have learnt from COVID-19.
- New ways are found to support parents to hand on the faith to their children.
- Further development of peer to peer youth ministry as a way of affirming young people as valued members of the church.
- Prioritising the needs of those who feel on the margins of society.
- Each parish develops its ministry to the elderly, the sick, the housebound and the lonely.
- Opportunities to belong to supportive and formative small groups, such as family groups and sodalities, be developed so that they become the essential building blocks of parishes.
- Our parishes turn outwards, joining with other churches, faith communities, charities, and other organisations to serve the local community.
- We engage with renewed enthusiasm in the ecumenical journey at every level.
- The Archdiocese should review the numbers and locations of churches required for its mission.
- The small clusters of parishes be encouraged to enable more effective working together.
- The Archdiocese should provide support to all parishes in the use of technologies for communication and for outreach.
- A new Communications Department be created to facilitate and promote the use of both traditional and modern media towards more effective communication, evangelisation, and outreach.
- In developing future communication strategies, consideration is given to those who are unable to access online provision.

## Synod 2020 Affirmation Statements

(Please select the main 2 affirmations which you are most drawn to from the list below)

### Theme 1 – All Called & Gifted By God

- Councils and Synodality** The Synod affirms the value of collaborative and synodal leadership within our communities and the widely held desire that synodality be lived at every level of local governance.

- **Inclusivity** The Synod affirms the outpouring of love and compassion for those who feel marginalised or excluded from the Church.
- **Lay Ministry** The Synod affirms the value of lay ministers in serving, supporting, challenging, strengthening, and empowering local communities.
- **Formation** The Synod affirms the need for good and accessible programmes of adult faith formation.
- **Women** The Synod affirms the invaluable contribution of women to the life and mission of the Church and recognises that many feel this contribution is not sufficiently valued
- **Young People** The Synod affirms that the people of the Archdiocese find joy when children and young people are visible and active in our worshipping communities. We yearn to be a place where more young people find belonging, meaning, and purpose.
- **Vocation** The Synod affirms that by virtue of our baptism all are called and gifted and that God has a purpose for each of us.
- **Clergy Formation** The Synod affirms that there is a great love, appreciation, and valuing of priests, deacons, and seminarians of the Archdiocese who continue to generously respond to God's call.
- **Safeguarding** The Synod affirms that keeping children and vulnerable adults safe from harm and being a safe haven for those who may be vulnerable are key concerns for the people of the Archdiocese of Liverpool.
- **Local Collaboration** The Synod affirms that there is a need for parishes to support one another as communities of faith and share good practice.
- **Schools and Education** The Synod affirms the privileged position and valuable role our Catholic schools have in the faith development and vocational discernment of our young people.
- **Buildings** The Synod affirms that there is a great concern that some of our buildings are underused, empty, or neglected and that these resources could be better used in serving the needs of the People of God.

## Theme 2 – Sharing The Mission of Jesus

(Please select the main 2 affirmations which you are most drawn to from the list below)

- **Evangelisation** The Synod affirms that we are passionate about sharing with all people the Good News of the saving power of Jesus.
- **Mission** The Synod affirms that mission must be central in our understanding of the Church that God is calling us to be.
- **Formation** The Synod affirms the value of formation so that people are able to play their part in the mission of evangelisation.
- **Catholic Social Teaching** The Synod affirms the value of the rich tradition of Catholic Social Teaching and the call for this to be lived more fully in the day-to-day life of the Archdiocese.
- **Care of Creation** The Synod affirms the clear teachings from successive popes and the prophetic voice of our young people calling us to put care for creation at the forefront of our mission.
- **Love of Neighbour** The Synod affirms that we are moved with compassion by the suffering of the poor, weak, marginalised, lonely, and vulnerable in our society.
- **Use of Resources** The Synod affirms that in the Archdiocese of Liverpool there is a wealth of resources available and that these are most valuable when shared for the benefit of all.
- **Use of Buildings** The Synod affirms that our buildings are a huge resource that are, in places, underused and should be used more flexibly in service of mission and evangelisation.

- Communication** The Synod affirms the power and opportunities of new communications technology to enrich our mission of evangelisation.
- Children & Young People** The Synod affirms children and young people as valued members of the community.
- Schools** The Synod affirms that schools can be an important tool in evangelisation but recognises that many are concerned that they are not always effective in handing on the faith.
- Groups and Societies** The Synod affirms the great value that many people find in groups and sodalities within the Church.

### Theme 3 – How We Pray Together

(Please select the main 2 affirmations which you are most drawn to from the list below)

- Opportunities for Prayer** The Synod affirms the variety of opportunities for prayer that exist and need to be developed.
- Liturgy** The Synod affirms the legitimate variety of liturgical styles in our Catholic tradition
- Liturgical Formation** The Synod affirms the need for good liturgical formation for all.
- Spiritual Formation** The Synod affirms the importance of spiritual formation and accompaniment at each stage of the faith journey.
- Lay Ministry** The Synod affirms the variety of roles and ministries in the celebration of liturgy.
- The Role of the Celebrant** The Synod affirms that a well-prepared celebrant is crucial for good liturgical celebrations.
- Local Collaboration** The Synod affirms that parishes collaborate with each other as no one parish can meet every need.
- Reconciliation** The Synod affirms the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the life of every baptised person and recognises that many Catholics rarely or never celebrate this sacrament.
- The Sick and the Housebound** The Synod affirms that the sick and the housebound can be a powerhouse of prayer within our parishes.
- Schools and Young People** The Synod affirms the place of schools in the prayer life of the parish community
- Communications** The Synod affirms that effective communication can be an opportunity to deepen the prayer life of people.

### Theme 4 – Building Community, Nurturing Belonging

(Please select the main 2 affirmations which you are most drawn to from the list below)

- Welcome and Inclusivity** The Synod affirms the principle that churches and parishes are places of welcome and inclusion and that by welcoming a diversity of people we will be enriched by their gifts.
- Parish** The Synod affirms that the parish as a structure has the potential to adapt to the needs of our times.
- Schools** The Synod affirms that Catholic schools are a great resource but do not always achieve their potential in handing on the Catholic Faith.
- Children and Young People** The Synod affirms the valuable work being done in some places in developing the faith of young people.

- Outreach** The Synod affirms the importance of each parish forging strong links with those who are sick, lonely, isolated, or marginalised.
- Community Building** The Synod affirms the variety of ways in which people express their belonging to the Catholic community, including pilgrimages, outings, membership of groups and social activities.
- Ecumenism** The Synod affirms that ecumenical dialogue and activity is essential for the Catholic community.
- Local/Pastoral Area Organisation** The Synod affirms that structures are at the service of the mission of the church.
- Communication** The Synod affirms the importance of effective communication.

I agree to my personal data being collected and shared with the Chorley Pastoral Area Synod Representatives to facilitate a review of the most appropriate proposals to disseminate to the Archdiocese from the Chorley Pastoral Area \*

- Yes
- No

I am happy for my email address to be retained on a Chorley Pastoral Area database and used to share updates and communications relating to the Chorley Pastoral Area and give consent to the safe storage of this data under the GDPR regulations and Data Protection Acts of 2018 and 2019. \*

- Yes
- No