

Sacred Heart and English Martyrs Parish Questionnaire for the Synod

You are invited to respond to all or some of these questions as you wish or to raise any other matters for consideration. They are based on the three themes proposed by the Vatican Office for the Synod namely, Communion- Participation- Mission. Pope Francis is seeking the widest possible response from Parishes, Dioceses and the wider Church. If you have taken part in the recent parish Zoom still feel free to respond via the Questionnaire.

1. Reflecting on 20 months of the pandemic. How has participation in the parish been affected? Were these issues and /or opportunities there before and how can participation be strengthened as we move forward into the future?
2. What do we need to do together to make our parish a 'better' parish?
3. How do families and young people effectively participate in the life of the parish? How do we support and encourage them?
4. How does the parish effectively identify and use the gifts of its people?
5. In what ways is the call of Jesus to serve the poor a priority in the Church and especially in our parishes? Who are the poor in our midst?
6. Is there anything else you would like to mention? We realise that most of the questions above deal with the parish and the local situation but in responding to this question you could relate it to the parish or the diocesan or the global church.

The timetable for responses is now very short and we need to have responses by next weekend 20th February if possible or at the very latest 23rd February. Thank you for reading this questionnaire we hope it will make us all reflect on these present times in the life of our parish and Church. We seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit who is with us on the way.

Please respond. You can submit written response to Sacred Heart Presbytery or hand in after weekend Masses or email to this special email address – shsynod2021@gmail.com or sacredheart.bilton@rcaob.org.uk. Thanks for your cooperation.