



SYNOD 2021 - 2023: The Pope wants to take the temperature of the Church! He wants to know how all of us, and the lay people especially, are feeling. He has called for a special coming-together, or Synod, in which we listen to each other, talk about and pray for our joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties.

Our diocese has drawn up questions to lead us to reflect, ponder and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit, for Synodal Listening Conversations. If you have been unable to attend one of our parish meetings for this, you are invited to answer the questions below, so that your voice can be heard too.

1. What are the joys of your parish life?
2. What are the obstacles to an active parish life?
3. How is God speaking to us through the voices that are in our midst, or through the voices that we sometimes ignore, or through those marginalised?
4. What enables or hinders us from speaking up in the parish or in society?
5. How are baptised members of the parish able to participate in the mission of the Church?
6. How does prayer and liturgical celebrations, especially Sunday Mass, inspire and guide your parish?

Your answers can be anonymous; please leave your completed papers in the black post box by the church front door in the porch, post through the presbytery door, or if you would prefer, you can email Sarah Adams sarah.adams@cliftondiocese.com or synod@cliftondiocese.com , both at Clifton Diocese.