



UNIVERSAL SYNOD

For a Synodal Church: On Sunday 17 October, the Archdiocese of Liverpool is going to mark the opening of the local phase of the universal Synod 2021-23 with a **choral evening prayer in the Metropolitan Cathedral (3pm-4pm)**. This will be also an opportunity to pray for the forthcoming pastoral plan, the fruit of our own archdiocesan Synod 2020. **All are welcome to attend.**

Suggested Prayers of the Faithful (bidding prayers) for Sunday 17 October 2021:

- **For the Church:** That it may be a light to the nations and the universal sacrament of salvation, walking with all peoples to the Kingdom of God.
- **For Francis our Pope, Malcolm our Bishop, and the holy, faithful People of God in the Archdiocese of Liverpool:** that today's launch of the process of listening within the universal Church may remind us that our forthcoming pastoral plan will gather the fruit of our own Synod 2020, helping us to continue discerning God's will and to boldly carry it out.
- **For all civil and public authorities:** that they may always seek the common good, acting with justice and integrity.
- **For the sick, the lonely, the oppressed, and the suffering:** That they may never be discarded, but rather treasured and cared for as the face of Christ in a suffering world.
- **For ourselves, gathered here:** That the process of continuous listening may lead us ever deeper into the communion of the Church, foster our participation in it, and equip us to go out on mission.

“A synodal church is a listening church, aware that listening is more than hearing. It is a reciprocal listening in which each one has something to learn.”

Pope Francis

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LITURGY

Taking liturgy seriously is a zoom study course by the society of St Gregory run in partnership with the London Jesuit Centre. It is aimed at people who have a serious interest in catholic liturgy but have not had the opportunity to develop their knowledge. No written work is required and a certificate awarded upon completion.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

What's on: Our departmental **monthly calendar** has links to feast days and solemnities, days of international observance (UN) and UK national days as well as some Archdiocesan events. Links are to the Vatican, UN and other official sources wherever possible. Please **email us** any news you wish us to consider.

ADVENT MONDAYS

Advent Reflections: On 29 November, the department invite you to a Zoom time of reflection and discussion for an hour each Advent Monday from 7pm. Set in this time of waiting and preparation, we will focus prayerfully on some aspects of the newly launched Pastoral Plan. All are welcome. There will be a registration page for signing up shortly.

ENVIRONMENT

Climate Change: We are all invited to sign a Catholic petition regarding COP15 and COP26 – details of resources for social media and the petition can be accessed online at **www.thecatholicpetition.org**

