

St Alban's Parish

Responses from last week's meeting on
the Synod Pathway

Synod 2021- 2023

Come, Holy Spirit

**"...to inspire people to dream about the Church we
are called to be."**

**We stand before you, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.**

**With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;**

**Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.**

**We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.**

**Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.**

**Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.**

**All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen**

Mission

- We need to encourage non believers
- Commitment and faith – can we improve – more reverence to serve our Lord eg Reflecting, genuflect
- Encourage Catholics that no longer attend Church
- Encourage young people, people from different languages
- Should not stereo type
- Welcome out cast people
- Open church doors to non-believers so we can share our faith
- People who cannot come to church
- Participate in church activities
- Promote more general activities
- Knock on doors and spread the good news
- Reaching to people outside the parish
- Giving out cards/ posters for special occasions
- Baked goods for the kids
- Sunday school
- Census – weekly form to see who is in the parish
- Makes you feel you have a family
- St Albans school involving them in the church more regularly
- Supporting the community – Catholic Church
- Giving people a voice – who should be heard? The young, elderly, house bound
- Supporting needy in the area
- Encourage those who feel unwelcomed because of their beliefs
- The curious to be encouraged

Community

- Photographs of deceased parishioners – knowing people but not knowing their name
- Food bank charity work
- Social clubs, drinks – get to know people on a deeper level – bingo nights etc
- People who are knowledgeable to teach the youth
- Learning from other churches
- Live simply campaign
- Confirmation groups can fund raise
- Grow plants and vegetables
- Parish youth club meet weekly, sharing articles and bible stories
- Parish council social media
- Communication strategy
- Community youth, school etc
- Contact with other churches
- Difference in faith journeys
- Church – the Vatican, all people involved in Parish, the Body of Christ all those baptised
- The priest and lay people, young and old, the poor and marginalised, family and community
- Inclusive, diverse, welcoming, charity, hospitality, caring friendly approachable, feeding the homeless, encouraging and giving knowledge and awareness
- More activities to be done
- Celebrate diversity
- Reach out to everyone culture