

HRYM NEWSLETTER

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CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation 2021/22 programme is up and running with 130 candidates. It is following a revised format this year, with all catechesis taking place on three full Saturdays instead of 12 evening sessions.

Please pray for all candidates that they will be willing to open their hearts and minds to Christ during this time.

Regular Holy Hours will be taking place throughout the programme and these are open to parents, families and the wider congregation too.



SYNOD – FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

The following is taken from Clifton Diocese website – visit the website for more information.

Pope Francis and the Synod office in Rome are inviting the whole Church to become Synodal.

We are invited to journey together, listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the lives of the people we meet. The whole 'Synod' will be a two-year process beginning in every diocese in October 2021 and moving on to a national then international listening exercise.

What does a Synodal Church mean?

The practice of living as a synodal Church means:

- The conversations lead to conversion to Christ and commitment to active participation in the mission given by Christ – **Communion**
- The people of God talk with one another and listen to one another about questions that matter – **Participation**
- The communion exists for a common purpose; mission flows naturally from the experience of communion – **Mission**.

In essence, synodality is about listening to each other – really listening – and through this process journey together towards a common goal – that of bringing others to Christ while deepening our own faith.

Here at Holy Rood, we have run listening sessions in January / February and will be forwarding summaries of our discussions to the Diocese. These will then be added to reports from other parishes and sent on to Rome.

This Synod which is scheduled for October 2023 is the first to offer the opportunity for **all** the church to be heard, clergy and laity alike.



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2021
2023
For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission

CHOSEN YOUTH

The Chosen Youth group consists of a group of vibrant young minds who love to use their creativity and talents to share God's love and spread His word throughout our local community here in Swindon. Have a look at their impressive website, hrymchosenyouth.co.uk, to learn about who they are and what they get up to – for example, check out the **Bible Hub** - created to enable young people to look up to God as their father, Jesus as their friend and Holy Spirit as their guide by exploring the bible scriptures. You can also message them to join the group!



CHOSEN YOUTH

PART OF HOLY ROOD YOUTH MINISTRY

CHOSEN YOUTH BIBLE HUB LIVE EVENT

Some photos from the very successful first live event of the Bible Hub from October 2021



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Witnesses – our Young People's music group who helped lead worship at the World Youth Sunday in November 2021 – we will be hearing much more from them in 2022!