

# ST JOSEPH'S GREY LYNN - SYNOD JOURNEY QUESTIONNAIRE

HOW DO CATHOLICS 'JOURNEY TOGETHER'? HOW MIGHT WE DO IT BETTER?

## 1. OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER

Jesus wants us to walk together, side by side.

• Who do you feel is included / welcome on the church's local journey?

• Who is not included or welcomed?

## 2. OUR LISTENING

Listening is the first step - it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice.

• Who do we need to listen to more? (Consider – women, young people, lay people, those on the margins of society, minority groups, the socially discarded and excluded.)

• What stops us from listening more carefully?

## 3. OUR SPEAKING UP

Everyone is invited to speak boldly and courageously in freedom, truth, and love.

• How do we say what is important to us as Catholics?

• What helps or hinders our public visibility?

## 4. GATHERING

For Catholics, 'togetherness' is based on gathering to explore the Gospels (Word) and to break bread (Eucharist)

• How does our gathering for prayer (including Mass) meet people's needs?

• How do they fail to meet people's needs?

## 5. OUR MISSION

Walking together enables us all to accept our mission to share the Good News.

• How exactly do we as Church members spread the Good News of Jesus Christ?

• What stops us from being active in mission?

## 6. OUR CONVERSATION

Genuine conversation requires perseverance and patience but leads to understanding.

• Good conversation (dialogue) leads to collaboration – how, and how well, do we collaborate as Catholics in our local community?

• In what ways could we dialogue and collaborate better with others in society (e.g. in politics, economics, economics, culture, civil society, and those who live in poverty?)

## 7. WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS

Walking with other Christians is essential to our mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

• What do we share and how do we journey with Christians from other churches (denominations)?

• Why don't we do more together?

## 8. SHARING RESPONSIBILITY

Our Church is all about participation and shared responsibility.

• How could we balance these better?

• How do we encourage lay involvement, participation and leadership?

## 9. OUR DECISION-MAKING

Our aim is to make decisions by discerning what the Holy Spirit is saying through our whole community.

• What methods or processes do Catholic communities use to include people in discernment and decisionmaking?

• What do you think we should do to improve our efforts in this?

## 10. LEARNING TO JOURNEY TOGETHER

All of us need to be open to change and ongoing learning.

• How do we as a Catholic community form our people to listen, participate and be open to change?

• Have you found Church leaders to be willing to listen, participate and remain open to new ways?