

SYNODOD ON SYNODALITY
COMMUNITY MEETING
28TH OCTOBER 2023
THE CHURCH IN ST JOHNS AND ST MARYS

VISION	JOURNAL	NEXT STEPS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Faith is irrelevant to so many <input type="checkbox"/> Communicate on line – other ways? <input type="checkbox"/> Need to engage ‘in-between groups (Young People) <input type="checkbox"/> Involve school parent councils and parent (Sunday teas) <input type="checkbox"/> Huge gap in ‘offer’ – what about Taizé, Evening Prayers/socials/community events/“Mini Vinnie” <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising for school – make visible to community <input type="checkbox"/> Use personal approach to engage and involve in parish life and ministries with training and support if needed <input type="checkbox"/> Publicise PPC membership as points of contact/information <input type="checkbox"/> Vision is good <input type="checkbox"/> More active and directed action to be ‘inclusive’ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Visually attractive, full of varied information, highlights community links and stimulates interest/discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Emphasises Synod process <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution – can this be widened/online/distributed in community locations? <input type="checkbox"/> Cost effective – can we measure/judge this? Do we need to? <input type="checkbox"/> Too much text – small text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Personal invitations to all aspects of parish life <input type="checkbox"/> Everyone can be an ambassador for our churches <input type="checkbox"/> Small steps, casual chats (not hard sell) <input type="checkbox"/> Communicating to the wider community <input type="checkbox"/> Share success (Speaking Group/Soup & Chat) <input type="checkbox"/> Youth groups and participation <input type="checkbox"/> Focus on disengaged <input type="checkbox"/> Be actively welcoming – take the first step <input type="checkbox"/> Improve information, access and participation in all ministries and parish activities so that all talents find a home. <input type="checkbox"/> House groups <input type="checkbox"/> Revamp Soup & Chat and develop similar activities to engage and respond to wider needs in the community including Foodbank <input type="checkbox"/> Be proud in and of our faith and own this in our families and communities

SUMMARY – PRIORITY FOR ACTION SUGGESTIONS

- Social events with good publicity and personalisation
- More greeters to actively engage before and after mass in particular
- Publicise the open access to all ministries including reading and music and how to get involved
- Publicise PPS members as contacts on activities and opportunities in parish life