



# Synod Feedback Form

NAME OF PARISH	NAME OF PASTORAL GROUPING
PARISH OF ST. THÉRÈSE, MOUNT MERRION	MOUNT MERRION, KILMACUD, CLONSKEAGH PARISH GROUPING
VENUE OF GATHERINGS	IN PERSON OR ZOOM
MOUNT MERRION COMMUNITY CENTRE	IN PERSON
NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS(1 <sup>st</sup> Gathering)	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS(2 <sup>nd</sup> Gathering)
64	49

## THE JOYS [152 COMMENTS]

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND CONVERGE?	No.	WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND DIVERGE?	No.
CHURCH AS A COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE FEEL WE BELONG	43	DON'T EXPECT TO EXPERIENCE JOY IN THE CHURCH	2
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POSITIVE EXPERIENCES OF SACRAMENTS/LITURGY	-	OTHER CEREMONIES NOT NECESSARY SACRAMENTS CAN BE VERY JOYFUL.	-
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CHURCH GIVING MEANING IN LIFE/ NOURISHMENT FOR THE SOUL	-----	-----	-----
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MUSIC IN CHURCH ENHANCES LITURGY, EXPRESSES JOY, INVOLVES THE CONGREGATION	-----	-----	-
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OUR CHURCH AS INCLUSIVE AND UNIVERSAL	-----	-----	-----
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JOY WITH THE PAPACY OF POPE FRANCIS: ENCYCLICALS, WRITINGS, SOCIAL TEACHINGS AND OUTREACH	10	-----	-----
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JOY IN LIVED WITNESS OF PEOPLE	8	-----	-----
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THE ROLE OF HOMILIES TO GIVE JOY AND HOPE, GUIDANCE & ADVICE	-----	-----	-----

SYNOD AS THE CHURCH LISTENING TO ITS PEOPLE	----		
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**THE SORROWS [156 COMMENTS]**

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND CONVERGE?	No.	WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND DIVERGE?	No
CHURCH SCANDALS AND HOW THEY WERE BADLY HANDLED AND COVERED UP	29	INEFFECTIVENESS OF LONG HOMILIES	2
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SADNESS AT THE ABSENCE OF YOUTH	23	LACK OF APPRECIATION FOR MISSIONARIES, RELIGIOUS AND PRIESTS, FOR THE LIFE OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION	1
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LACK OF FAITH AND UNDERSTANDING OF CHURCH TEACHINGS	22		
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THE ROLE OF WOMEN	19	SHAMING AND TARNISHING OF RELIGIOUS PERSONS WHO DID NOT ABUSE THOSE IN THEIR CARE	1
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CHURCH HIERARCHY AND INSTITUTION	17		
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THE IMPACT OF TODAY'S CULTURE	15		
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THE CHURCH'S RESISTANCE TO AND SLOWNESS TO CHANGE	13		
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LACK OF ACCEPTANCE OF PEOPLE AS THEY ARE	9		
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LACK OF INVOLVEMENT, SUPPORT OF THE LAITY	4		

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**THE HOPES [65 COMMENTS]**

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND CONVERGE?	No.	WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND DIVERGE?	No
<p>THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE GROUNDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT</p> <p>-----</p>	18	<p>REDISCOVERING THE PURPOSE OF THE SACRAMENTS</p> <p>-----</p>	1
<p>LEADERSHIP AND VISION OF POPE FRANCIS</p> <p>-----</p>	15	<p>--</p>	
<p>PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY INTERACTION WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS</p>	14		

----- OPPORTUNITIES FOR LAY INVOLVEMENT/PARTICIPATION AT EVERY LEVEL IN THE CHURCH -----	----- - -----		
----- PARTICIPATION IN THE SACRAMENTS, LITURGY, AND THE CELEBRATION OF LITURGY -----	12 ----- - -----		
----- - PRACTICAL OUTREACH OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD – CARE OF THE POOR, CARE OF THE EARTH. -----	9 ----- - -----		
----- NO HOPE FOR THE CHURCH AT THE MOMENT! -----	6 ----- - ----- 3		

### THE FEARS [85 COMMENTS]

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND CONVERGE?	No.	WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND DIVERGE?	No.
SLOW PACE OF CHANGE IN AN ARCHAIC AND NON LISTENING CHURCH -----	21 -----	YOUNG PEOPLE NEED TO BE ACCEPTED FOR WHO THEY ARE. -----	1 -----
THE CHURCH AND FAITH FORMATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE – NEEDING TO FIND A NEW LANDSCAPE, LANGUAGE AND SYMBOLS TO ENGAGE YOUNG PEOPLE IN FAITH -----	16 -----	FUTURE GENERATIONS LACK OF INTEREST IN THE CHURCH -----	1 -----
MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT AND EQUAL ROLE OF WOMEN -----	12 -----	CONCERN ABOUT CHURCH BUILDINGS – IMPORTANCE OF HAVING A SAFE SPACE. -----	1 -----
INDIFFERENCE TO THE CHURCH -----	9 -----	NOT ALLOWING DIVORCED AND REMARRIED CATHOLICS RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION. -----	1 -----
NEED FOR THE CHURCH TO BE MORE FAITHFUL TO GOSPEL VALUES -----	9 -----		
IMPACT AND CHALLENGE OF THE SHORTAGE OF PRIESTS -----	7 -----		

THE CHURCH WILL SURVIVE	5		
LACK OF INCLUSION OF AND OUTDATED AND JUDGEMENTAL ATTITUDES TOWARDS WOMEN, LGBTQ COMMUNITY AND OTHERS	3		
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WHAT FOLLOWS AFTER POPE FRANCIS?	-----		
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### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

#### WHAT THEMES ARE EMERGING FROM THE GATHERING?

**The joy of belonging to a vibrant local faith community where we support one another on the faith journey, with opportunity for communal and personal prayer and quiet reflection.**

**Profound sorrow at the abuses and cover-ups – the betrayal, the deception, and the horrendous denial.**

**The sadness around the absence of youth and their participation in the life and liturgy of the parish.**

**The urgent need for the full participation of women in the life and ministry of the Church (and the urgent need to address perceived inequality at all levels).**

**Sadness around the lack of acceptance and inclusion of people as they are, stimulating a need for greater inclusion in and the full embrace of the Church.**

**The Church's message inspired by the Holy Spirit under the leadership and vision of Pope Francis.**

**Fears that the Church won't change quickly enough, risking irrelevance, and therefore losing the possibility of proclaiming the Gospel in the modern world.**

**WHAT MIGHT THE HOLY SPIRIT BE INDICATING IN THIS?**

**The Cross stands over all - and in its shadow, held under a great canopy, the family is joyful.**

**'May joy be in you so that you might be complete' – live out the joy of being Christian and be nourished not by material things but by His Spirit.**

**Model the Christian values consistently as Jesus Christ in His Passion and Death was consistent in His suffering and humility.**

**Break bread together and care for all - the centrality of the Eucharist inspires communion with all.**

**Be inspired by and learn through the Bible and Christian teachings and Faith Formation resources.**

**Embrace everyone and the hard of heart will change with a changing Church.**

**God is inviting us through His Spirit and our common otherness to realise our authentic being.**

**Consider the separation of leadership and clericalism.**

**The love of God permeates all human existence.**

**'Go and sin no more'.**

**'From fear and anxiety save us O Lord, and enable us through your grace to see something of the hope and joy which awaits us at our journey's end.'**

<b>SIGNED</b>	<b>DATE</b>
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