

### Question 3 – Mission

How can we as parish, work and do better as Church in our outreach to people? How can we unlock the joy of the Gospel and the message of Jesus Christ so that we may become a more energetic and engaged Church in our society?



*Please feel free to provide additional information.*

### Question 4

These questions are merely a guide to aid participation. Any other comment or matter you would like to raise in the ongoing conversation about the future of our Church is welcome.

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14<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

Dear Parishioner,

You may have already heard through national and local media that Pope Francis has called a Synod of the whole Church. A synod is a large assembly that identifies and indicates precise pathways for the church to follow in the coming years. The Synod began last October and will culminate in Rome in 2023.

Pope Francis asks us as Christian Communities to reflect on how we are becoming a listening Church which walks together. His vision of Church is one that sees greater participation by everyone in all aspects of the life of the Church, including decision-making.

The Parish of Clarecastle Ballyea are inviting you to be involved in the process. Pope Francis' wish is that every effort be made to reach out to all. Whatever your commitment or non-commitment to the Church is at present, you are invited as a member of our community to take part in this process. We welcome and await your response. We respectfully ask that responses to this invitation will be returned by March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Yours faithfully,

**Fr. Pat Malone P.P.**  
P.P. Clarecastle Ballyea Parish

**Carmel Duff**  
Secretary of  
Ballyea Pastoral Council

**Siobhán Normoyle**  
Secretary of  
Clarecastle Pastoral Council

Visit our website <https://www.clarecastleballyeparish.ie/> for more information on the Synod and how your response can help us to participate in this Synod.

You can detach the attached page to complete the questionnaire or if necessary, use additional pages. If others in your household would like to participate, further copies are available in Clarecastle Church, Ballyea Church and the Parish Office, Clarecastle.

## How to return your questionnaires

Post / Drop completed questionnaires to:  
**Clarecastle Ballyea Parish Office, Church Drive, Clarecastle.**

Drop into the special boxes located in each of the Churches.

Complete the questionnaire online on our website  
<https://www.clarecastleballyeparish.ie/>

Follow our social media   to access the online form.



Scan the code to go directly to the online form.

Your data is important to us. Details of our Privacy policy can be found on our website.

## Question 1 - Communion

How might we work to build a more inclusive "communion of people" or church?

*Please feel free to provide additional information.*

## Question 2 - Participation

How can we listen better to the different voices in our parish? Are there important voices in our community that are not heard? Who are these voices? How can we include them?

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