

Halston Street Parish

Newsletter 7th/8th October 2023

Synod meetings in Rome

Please continue to pray for the members of the Synod meetings, please God guide them as they meet to make decisions that will shape the future of the Church. There are some newsletters displayed in the church and printed at the back of the church for you to read.

Below is the Synod Prayer,

Prayer for the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the original Latin, meaning, "We stand before You, Holy Spirit," which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, and is attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. For the Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023, we propose to the following simplified version,¹ so that any group or liturgical assembly can pray it more easily.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

Miraculous Medal Mondays

On Monday's after 10am mass we have the devotion to the Miraculous Medal, we will recite the prayer's, say the rosary and have a blessing with the relic of St Catherine Laboure, as always all are welcome.