



Synod Feedback Form

NAME OF PARISH	NAME OF PASTORAL GROUPING
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Swords and Drynam

St. Colmcilles Parish Pastoral Council

Drynam Pastoral Team

VENUE OF GATHERINGS	IN PERSON OR ZOOM
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Questionnaires only

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS (1 st Gathering)	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS (2 nd Gathering)
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37 questionnaires returned

THE JOYS

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND CONVERGE?	No.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND DIVERGE?	No.
The priests and professed religious , the pastoral work they do and sermons that spread the word and teach.	9	Lay spiritual leadership	1
		Candles/Incense	1
The people with the church community and the love they show to each other.	7		
Attending mass, listening to the words of Jesus and receiving the holy spirit through the liturgy.	9		
Receiving the sacraments			
Easter and Christmas services	3		
My religion and faith and the faith of those around me.	3		
Choir and music at mass.	7		
Lay participation.	5		
Church building as a place of refuge and peaceful contemplation.	5		
Remembrance of departed loved ones	6		
	3		

THE SORROWS

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE	No.	WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE	No.
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NAMED AND CONVERGE?		NAMED AND DIVERGE?	
Historical abuse and the churches handling of it. Betrayal of the people.	6	Lack of inclusion	1
Treatment of and exclusion of women and LGBTQ+ in the church.	4	Lack of ecumenical engagement at parish level	1
Next generation have not been engaged and the Church is not relevant to their lives.	2	Politics from the pulpit, interference in Referendums	1
Failure of leadership from the hierarchy and diocese.	2	Poor communications from diocese	1
Lack of priests; married men and women excluded from ordination.	3	Lack of social media communications from church.	1
Choice of marriage or celibacy not available to the secular clergy	2	Lack of women in the curia.	1
		All the unchallenged negative portrayal of the church in the media.	1
		Baptism Cert availability – delay affecting adoption process	1

THE HOPES

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND CONVERGE?	No.	WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND DIVERGE?	No.
Church Renewal	2	Pope Francis	1
Love to see youth attending Mass.	2	Trained Spiritual person to conduct services when priest not available	1
Church to appeal to younger people	2	Simpler liturgy	1
Remembrance of those who have passed.	2	Married clergy	1
Nothing to change	2		
Women's involvement in the church in all roles and ministries	4		
More inclusive of people with different sexual orientation, in second relationships	3		
Lectionary update required for more inclusive language	3		
Increase in vocations	3		

THE FEARS

WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND CONVERGE?	No.	WHAT EXPERIENCES ARE NAMED AND DIVERGE?	No.
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Lack of vocations 7 For the next generation who have turned 1

No room for compromise in Church laws	2	away from the church.	
Children not attending church		Failure to effect the changes needed	1
	3	Lack of young people in the church	1
		Not following the example of Jesus	1

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

WHAT THEMES ARE EMERGING FROM THE GATHERING?

Concern for future of the Church

Many themes emerged particularly exclusion of women and gay people

Relevance of man made rules such as celibacy

WHAT MIGHT THE HOLY SPIRIT BE INDICATING IN THIS?

Value of dialogue and real listening to the people of God.

More inclusion must mean more inclusion and not just words

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