



27th Sunday Ordinary Time – 06 October 2024

POPE OPENS SYNOD GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH MASS IN ST. PETERS SQ.



In his homily during Mass for the Solemn Inauguration of the Second Session of the 16th General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, Pope Francis emphasizes the need for hearts open to dialogue and the importance of the harmony that

comes from the Holy Spirit. Pope Francis' homily for the opening Mass of the General Assembly of the Synod focused on the images of "voice, refuge, and a child". In his reflection for the feast of the Holy Guardian Angels, the Pope recalled God's command "to listen to the voice of the Angel He had sent." As the Church continues to journey along the synodal path, he said, "the Lord places in our hands the history, dreams, and hopes of a great people," the Church spread throughout the world. He invited participants to "strive to understand the path we must follow to reach the destination the Lord desires for us." In order to remove obstacles to the harmony intended by the Holy Spirit, the Pope continued, we must be open to the contributions of all, in order to hear the voice of God. With the concept of refuge, Pope Francis said protecting wings of the angel of God becomes "a symbol of what God does for us, and also a model for us to follow." The gifts of each one are a great richness to the whole Church; but at the same time, we must be willing to reach out to one another, offering one another "a welcoming embrace and a place of refuge." "The more we realise that we are surrounded by friends who love, respect, and appreciate us," he said, "friends who want to listen to what we have to say, the more we will feel free to express ourselves spontaneously and openly." Finally, the Holy Father invoked the image of "a child," like the one Jesus placed before the disciples, "inviting them to convert and be small like him." The paradox of the greatest in heaven being that one who becomes little, like a child, "is fundamental for us," the Pope said. Although the Synod necessarily deals with great and important issues, "it is precisely for this reason that we must not lose sight of the child, whom Jesus continues to place at the centre of our meetings and work tables." "Brothers and sisters," Pope Francis said in conclusion, "let us resume this ecclesial journey with an eye to the world, for the Christian community is always at the service of humanity, to proclaim the joy of the Gospel to all." And finally, after announcing his intention to lead the public recitation of the Rosary on Sunday to implore the Virgin Mary for the gift of peace; and proclaiming a day of prayer and fasting the next day for peace in the world, Pope Francis enjoined the faithful to continue to "journey together," listening to the Lord and allowing ourselves "to be guided by the breeze of the Spirit."

Courtesy Vatican News

Remembered this Weekend

Vincent & Darragh McDonagh
James (Jemmy) Byrne (MM)
Clare Stassen (4th A)
Mary Daly (7th A)
Bernard Darcy (B. Rem.)
Bernie Darcy
Christine Darcy (3rd A)
Liam Styne

Three Parish Bible Group

Would you like to meet in a small group maybe once a week to read the Sunday mass readings and reflect, share and pray with them? It could be a great way to deepen your faith and meet others who worship in the Liberties. If you would like to know more, please email Father Colin at fathercolinrothery@gmail.com or call 01-4426296

Citizens Information

Have moved to Usher Street to expand important community service in Dublin South Central. The new location will provide: Additional Citizens Information Walk-In Services
Citizens Information Volunteer Recruitment
Continued trusted, independent information, advice and advocacy to people across Dublin 8. More here: <https://www.citizensinformation>

Liberties Haunt 2024

is looking for some talented performers to help make a memorable community event on 31st October. Contact: Katie at 0896141031 or katie.lyons@swicn.ie

Oscarina

is an annual festival to celebrate all things Oscar Wilde. Running 16-20 October For full details see oscarina.ie

City Canals Community Forum

Half Day Forum on 19th Oct.
www.openhousedublin.com

Aware & Mental Wellbeing

consider using Aware's phone-in and Zoom support and self-care groups, support line or support mail. For more information, visit www.aware.ie

27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Penitential Rite

As we begin our celebration, let us remember the inclusive love of God.

For our lack of compassion and welcome.
Lord have mercy

For our willingness to exclude those who are different.
Christ have mercy

For our failure to see you in the poor and marginalised.
Lord have mercy

May our great and gracious Lord, who has conquered selfishness, have mercy on us, forgive us our sin and bring us to life everlasting. Amen

Genesis 2:18-24

So from the soil the Lord fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man.

Hebrews 2:9-11

An We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
As long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. Alleluia

Mark 10:2-12

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a

man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

Prayer of the Faithful

God our Father and Mother, we thank for your love. It bestows on us a value and dignity that can never be taken from us. We thank you Lord hear us

Lord, by the power of your word, help us to reshape our lives, our church and our world, to reflect your love and compassion. Lord hear us

For all who are struggling in life. For the unemployed, the sick, those treated unjustly, those who have suffered the loss of a relationship.
Lord hear us

We remember, with joy and thanksgiving all those belong to us who have died We pray with them, that we will be united again in the kingdom of God's love. Lord hear us

May all who choose to share their lives in marriage experience the joy of sharing new beginnings and have the compassion needed in times of difficulty. Lord hear us

In silence, we remember those who need our prayer and support.....Lord hear us



Reflection

Then he said, "Speak to us of Love."

When you love you should not say, "God is in my heart," but rather, I am in the heart of God."

And think not you can direct the course of love, for love, if it finds you worthy, directs your course.

Love has no other desire but to fulfil itself. But if you love and must needs have desires, let these be your desires:

To melt and be like a running brook that sings its melody to the night.

To know the pain of too much tenderness.

To be wounded by your own understanding of love; And to bleed willingly and joyfully.

To wake at dawn with a winged heart and give thanks for another day of loving;

To rest at the noon hour and meditate love's ecstasy;

To return home at eventide with gratitude;

And then to sleep with a prayer for the beloved in your heart and a song of praise upon your lips.

Kahlil Gibran