

MANY VOICES. ONE JOURNEY.

IALOGUE WEEK

ADELAIDE HILLS PARISH

Wednesday 25th February 2026
6.00p.m.

at Our Lady of the Adelaide Hills Parish Hall

The sign of the Cross.....

Let us pray:

Loving God, you have called us to this place, to listen, dialogue and discern together as we prepare for our Archdiocesan Synod.

We listen first to you in your holy Word.

A reading from the Gospel of according to John.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were... Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. **'As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.'** After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit.

This is the theme for our Synod – 'As the Father sent me, so I am sending you'.

What in the story remains with you, inspires you, makes you curious, or challenges you? 2 MINS

Let us now pray together the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod Prayer.
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Parishioners are invited to choose a theme and form a small group of 4-6 people. Some themes may end up with more than one small group.

FORMATION FOR MISSION AND LEADERSHIP

How will the Archdiocese engage in formation for mission and leadership at every level, families and households, parishes, schools, communities, diocesan entities? The vision presented in *Drawn into the Joy of the Gospel* (2023) initiates this work, but the Synod provides an opportunity to explore further possibilities and recommendations for implementation and ongoing commitment.

STRUCTURES AND PLANNING FOR COMMUNION, MISSION AND PARTICIPATION

How will we approach the pastoral planning of the Archdiocese, especially regarding parishes, schools, communities and diocesan agencies? The various structures (leadership, governance, decision-making, properties, etc.) exist to support communion, participation and mission, this theme also discerns what structures are needed for the future of the Archdiocese.

BECOMING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

How will each baptised person in the Archdiocese of Adelaide be able to grow and participate as missionary disciples in their own locale and context, responding to the needs and realities of the world while bearing witness to the joy of the Gospel?

COMMUNION GRACE: SACRAMENT TO THE WORLD

How will the Archdiocese express our faith and life in Christ Jesus in communion with one another and as a ‘sacrament to the world’ (*Lumen Gentium*, 1) as a synodal church on mission? This theme takes into consideration the diversity of the People of God, liturgical expression, spirituality and community life, as well as the roles needed to support these areas in the life of the Archdiocese.

Now reflect quietly using the following questions: (10 mins)

What inspires or resonates with me?

What challenges or concerns me?

What kind of Church do we want to be in the next 5-10 years? Is this reflected in the Synod themes?

Dialogue and Listening: (40 minutes) No Discussion until everyone has spoken

Resonance: What touched or inspired me in this paper?

Concerns & Gaps: What challenges me, or what do I think is missing?

Practical Visioning: What kind of Church do we want to be in the next 5-10 years? Is this reflected in the Synod themes?

Group Discernment (20 minutes) **Appoint one scribe from each group to complete the Feedback Form.**

Prayerfully identify 3–5 key insights or recommendations we want to communicate back to the Synod organisers. Aim for consensus, but if strongly different views exist, note them separately. If we have more than one small group, each group will share their feedback with the bigger group.

Closing prayer

Loving God, we thank you for this time of listening, dialogue and discernment. Bless our Archdiocesan Synod, especially those who are called to be members of the Synod and who will discern new directions for our community. Bless our parish community, may we continue to walk together on the way you have prepared for us.

Synod Prayer

God of the Journey, Our companion and our guide. You call us to be a pilgrim people, Who listen, discern, and walk together on the way, Sharing in the life and mission of your Son, Jesus.

Bless our local Church, the Archdiocese of Adelaide, As we prepare for our Synod.

Make us ready for the work at hand.

Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our hearts,

that we may be filled with compassion, courage and love.

Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our minds,

that we may receive your wisdom, dream new dreams, and be open to new ideas.

Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our eyes,

that we may see you in one another, perceive the need of our neighbour, and envision new horizons.

Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our ears,

that we may hear your voice, listen deeply to the other, and attend to the voice within.

Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our mouths,

that we may speak on behalf of the voiceless, cry out for justice, and bear witness to your love.

Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our feet,

that we may walk in the footsteps of Jesus, go to the peripheries, and accompany one another on the way.

Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our hands,

that we may embrace our sisters and brothers, heal wounds, and build bridges of peace.

Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our community,

that we may be your one body, eliminate borders of exclusion, and welcome all into your love.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.