

The Parish of The Precious Blood & All Souls Coventry



Walking Together

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Pope Francis wants to hear from Catholics all around the world.

In a world-wide process of consultation, the Holy Father is inviting all Catholics to pray and talk about the needs of today's Church. The process is about helping us see how we might better serve the mission that we've been entrusted with in our day.

Walking Together is above all a *spiritual* journey. We are invited to listen carefully to one another, and to the Holy Spirit who leads and guides the Church. Pope Francis notes that the process is *not* a parliament or democratic vote on fixed points of doctrine and practice. It's a structured conversation among all of the faithful – bishops, priests, deacons and laity - in order to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

This leaflet outlines opportunities here in our parish for YOU to be part of the process. Please get involved. It is a chance for you to reaffirm the good and imagine how things could be better.

The result of our consultation will be a parish summary report to the Archbishop in March.

4. How is the Church perceived by members of your family, your friends and work colleagues?

5. How might the Church improve its decision-making processes?

6. Which of your concerns does the Church fail or struggle to respond to?

PARTICIPATION: Liturgy & Worship. Co-responsibility.

7. How do you believe your presence at Mass makes a difference?

8. Explain what difference does it make in your life to receive the sacraments?

9. What part does prayer play in your life and your relationship with God/the Church?

10. How do you currently participate, personally, in the life of the Church?
How much responsibility do you have as an individual?

11. How do families and young people effectively participate in the life of your parish?
What do you do to support them?

12. How does your parish effectively identify and use the gifts of its people?
How can we better enable full participation and co-responsibility in the life of the Church at the parish and diocesan levels?

MISSION: Social outreach. Evangelisation. Our dream.

13. If you could describe your local parish fulfilling your dreams and concerns for the whole world and the local community, what would it be like?

14. How does your experience of parish life allow you to reflect, develop, act on and speak about your faith?

15. In what ways is the call of Jesus to serve the poor a priority in the Church and especially in our parishes?

16. What more can we do in our parishes to address the needs of the poor (homeless, lonely, the bereaved, prisoner, the sick, people with addictions, refugees, people with disabilities, those suffer in developing countries)?

Individual response form

In your feedback please indicate which questions you are responding to. Detach and post in the box at the back of church. Feel free to use additional sheets of paper.

COMMUNION: The Life of the Church. Formation.


PARTICIPATION: Liturgy & Worship. Co-responsibility

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Any other comments

Gatherings of parishioners

You are invited to attend a series of three gatherings of parishioners in the parish room to share your hopes for the Church of today and tomorrow, as well as your concerns. The questions below, formulated by the diocese, will form the basis of our dialogue.



Monday 24 th January 7.30-9.00pm	Communion
Monday 31 st January 7.30-9.00pm	Participation
Monday 7 th February 7.30-9.00pm	Mission

Individual response

There is also the opportunity for you to make an individual response, anonymously, in written form, or by email to rickywalsh1973@gmail.com You are not asked to answer all the questions below. You might want to choose one question from each area - those which speak best to you, and the situation you find yourself in. Written responses should be posted in the box at the back of church.

Prayer first

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. All this we ask of you, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

THE QUESTIONS

COMMUNION: The Life of the Church. Formation

1. In what ways does the Catholic Church enhance your life?
2. Reflecting on 20 months of the pandemic, how has participation in your parish been affected? Were these issues and/or opportunities there before and how can participation be strengthened moving forward into the future?
3. What are the means by which different voices can be heard in your parish (particularly those on the periphery of parish life)?
Which groups and individuals are least included in your parish?