

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH—INCHICORE PARISH

Church is on corner of Emmet Road and Bulfin Road, Inchicore, D08 RF67

www.stmichaelsinchicore.ie

Parish is part of the Inchicore Bluebell Pastoral Area with Our Lady of the Wayside

Church, Bluebell Parish and the Oblate Church of Mary Immaculate Inchicore.

The Area is served by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI)

with lay Oblate Pastoral Associates employed by the OMI.

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St. Michael's Parish Inchicore

June 2022

SYNOD AT ST MICHAEL'S - FEEDBACK

75 parishioners took part in the Synodal process at St Michael's in April 2022. The questions explored were: what are the **Joys, Sorrows, Fears and Hopes** in our experience of Church today.

The feedback suggests that the faithful love and care for their Church and value their faith community, treasuring their shared faith experience and personal relationship with God and the positive role of the Church especially in the area of social care and justice. They are deeply concerned about the Church's future and see the need for change as being critical to its survival in Ireland. While Pope Francis is seen as a beacon for change, overall, people are concerned about the leadership of the Church and question its commitment to change and collaboration with the laity. Many are afraid that real change may come too late.

Deep upset was expressed at the loss of the youth and the lack of inclusion of marginal groups such as LGBTQ and the divorced in the Church. Legalism and rules are seen as predominating over love.

People see the equal role of women in Church ministry and administration as being essential to its change and growth – even to its survival, and would like priests to be given the option to marry.

Overall the feedback suggests that the faith community are clear about what changes they understand are needed and would lead the hierarchy into the future if allowed and if heard.

A complete copy of the feedback and submission to the Diocese from St Michael's can be found on the Parish website:

www.stmichaelsinchicore.ie . (A hardcopy can also be requested from Pádraigín Clancy at the Parish Office). While an outline of the feedback will also be on display in St Michael's Church.

Also see the final report on the Synod from the Dublin Diocese at; <https://dublindiocese.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Dublin-Diocesan-Synod-Report.pdf> This is a compilation of the findings from all the Parishes of the Diocese and it closely reflects our own experience.

Our sincere thanks to all who participated in the. Synodal Process at St Michael's.

A PRAYER FOR THE SUMMER SOLSTICE~

**Great Spirit of the sun, On this dawning of a new day
we turn our faces toward your radiance,
looking for your grace to shine upon us. Creator of Light,
may your fire burn within us,
igniting passion, fueling growth,
extending warmth to all
with whom we connect this day.**

**On this longest day of the year, we celebrate life, abundance,
fertility, growth, fruitfulness, ripening, colour, strength, vitality,
and richness.**

**We pray that we might be good neighbours, good listeners,
and good allies**

**as we pray together for reconciliation, for justice,
and for the earth we all call home.**

Let us rejoice in this longest day of light!

Amen.



