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**ST ANN'S PARISH
SYNODAL TEAM**



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INTRO TO ST ANN'S SYNODAL TEAM



The Parish Synodal Team at St. Ann's Catholic Church was formed to ensure **effective collaboration, engagement, and participation among all key ministries.**

This model integrates both the universal Parish General structure and the Call to Bear Fruit vision, reflecting the spirit of synodality within the church.

The team consists of 25 members, including:
Parish Priest, All Committee Leads, All Catechists
Senior Parishioner Couple (50+ years in the parish)
Young Enthusiastic Family (active in the parish)

Parish Synodal Team

To ensure efficient operation, the following committees have been formed:

- Parish Finance Committee
- Parish Social Committee
- Parish Church Maintenance Committee
- Liturgical Committee
- Sacramental Committee
- Welcome Team
- Tea & Coffee Team
- Altar Servers Team
- Sacristan Team
- Safeguarding Representative
- Event Management Committee
- Catering Committee



The Parish Synodal Team meets three times a year, with each meeting focusing on a specific aspect of parish life:

- **February** – Reviewing Lenten and Easter plans
- **June** – Upgrading church activities and planning for the next year's sacramental programmes
- **October** – Reviewing Advent and Christmas plans

Each committee also holds its own meetings as required and can convene for urgent discussions when needed.



GUIDELINES FOR SYNODAL TEAM

The Roman Catholic Church has formally started implementing its decision to increasingly become a synodal Church. Synodality is the specific *modus vivendi et operandi* of the Church, the People of God, which reveals and gives substance to her being in communion, as all members journey together, gather in assembly, and take an active part in her evangelising mission.

Purpose and Role:

- Ensure that the parish's activities align with its vision, mission, and synodal priorities.

Responsibilities:

- Provide a forum for representatives from all parish groups to collaborate and share ideas.
- Discuss and propose initiatives that enhance parish life and community engagement.
- Provide input on the annual planner to reflect parish priorities.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of implemented initiatives.

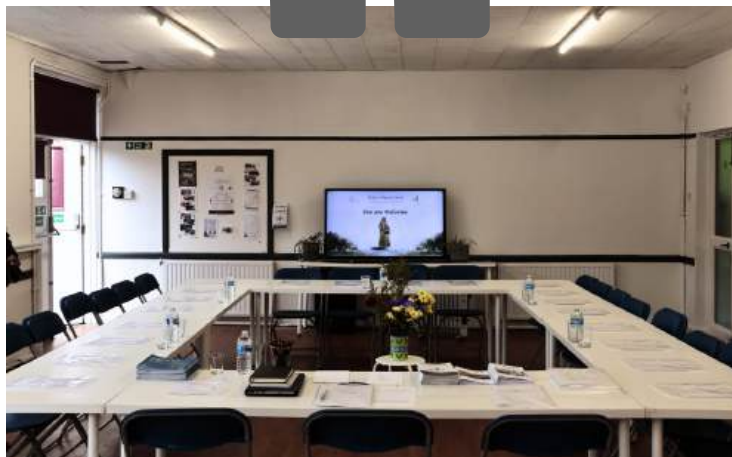
Collaboration with Other Committees:

- Work with the Finance Committee to align financial planning with parish goals.
- Support the Catechetical Team in integrating faith formation into parish activities.
- Partner with the Social Committee to create community-building events.

Meetings: Held three times a year, typically in February, June, and October, with additional sessions for urgent matters.



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St Ann's Synodal Team Agenda - 9th Feb 2025

1. Opening Prayer
2. Introductions
 - Oneself
 - About respective Committees
3. Review the Guidelines book
4. Lenten and Easter Plans
 - Ash Wednesday
 - Way of the Cross
 - Palm Sunday
 - Maundy Thursday
 - Good Friday
 - Easter
5. Review of the Annual Calendar
6. Pilgrims Church
7. Sacramental Programme
 - First Holy Communion - Christy
 - Confirmation - Celia
8. Gardening Improvements
9. Feb 23 – Indoor Community Get-Together
10. "Called to Bear Fruit" Initiative
11. Open Discussion
12. Closing Prayer

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Outcomes & Benefits

This structure has resulted in:

- Increased collaboration and communication between ministries.
- A more structured approach to event planning and execution.
- Greater parishioner involvement through targeted outreach and engagement.
- A sense of shared responsibility and co-responsibility, reflecting the synodal call to journey together.





Conclusion & Next Steps

The implementation of this model has been a huge success, fostering a more engaged, active, and faith-driven parish community. As we move forward, we remain open to further refinements based on feedback from the diocese and parishioners.