**Opening Prayer**

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fi re of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

**And You shall renew the face of the earth.**

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, **Amen.**

**Reading from Sacred Scripture John** (16:12-15)

Jesus said ‘I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.’

**Silence**

10 minutes reflection on the Scripture

**Prayer for the Upcoming Universal Synod**

**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.**

**Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.**

**Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Our Lady, Immaculate, Mother of the Church. **Pray for us.**

St Gregory the Great and St Augustine of Canterbury. **Pray for us.**

St Thomas of Canterbury. **Pray for us.**

*Space below is for your individual notes*

**Communion**

1. What are the ways in which your parish most successfully brings people together in liturgical, charitable and social events?
2. How do we make the Holy Eucharist the main focal point for our parish?
3. In what ways can you help to build up communion effectively and authentically in the coming months and years, particularly in relation to those who have drifted away from practicing faith?

**Participation**

1. How can participation in our parish be strengthened moving forward into the future after the pandemic and past issues by identifying and using the gifts of our people?
2. How can we invite families and young people to participate in the life of the parish effectively?
3. How can we broaden the way we encourage people of our parish to participate in the life of the Church, whilst keeping always true to the Gospel and our core Christian identity?

**Mission**

1. Given what you see of the Church’s words and actions, in the parish and beyond, what would you say is the Church’s mission inward and outward looking?
2. How do we set up our parish for evangelisation, so that we see the needs of the local community and respond to them?
3. How do we positively support formation of parishioners as missionary disciples?