

THE 'BIG' WORD

You'd be forgiven if you haven't heard of the 'big' word making the rounds in high church circles yet. Other ecclesial expressions like apostolicity, collegiality, infallibility, magisterium, and transubstantiation may more readily come to mind. The word in question is synodality.

Though you may be unfamiliar with the term, it has become an essential building block of Pope Francis' vision for the church. Speaking on the 50th anniversary of the institution of the Synod of Bishops, Francis said: "The world in which we live, and which we are called to love and serve, even with its contradictions, demands that the church strengthen cooperation in all areas of her mission. It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the church of the third millennium."

Helping the church come to a better understanding of synodality, the International Theological Commission in 2018 published an overview of synodality, describing it as "an essential dimension of the church." It went on to state: "First and foremost, synodality denotes the particular style that qualifies the life and mission of the church, expressing her nature as the People of God journeying together and gathering in assembly, summoned by the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel."

Speaking to the General Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops on synods and the process of synodality, Timothy Radcliffe, Dominican priest and former Master of the Order, remarked that both "depend upon both having the confidence to speak and the humility to listen. Listening is daring to open yourself to people who've got views other than your own, views with which you may disagree with strongly. Our society fears difference. Google and Facebook have algorithms which steer us towards the like-minded. So, we're tempted to live in bubbles of people who think the same thing.

Synodality, then, invites the church to unity through difference. It asks for the participation of ordained, lay and even non-members alike. Surprisingly, it allows us to consider a church that we may have not yet imagined or dared risk becoming. This is not done by any one person, but by all the faithful, through the lens of Scripture and Tradition under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

THIS WEEK'S SAINTS AND FEASTS

TUESDAY

International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking, first observed in 2015 and on the memorial of St Josephine Bakhita. Each year, around 2.5 million people are victims of trafficking and slavery. For those engaged in trafficking it has become one of the most lucrative illegal activities in the world. Through the Day of Prayer we reflect on the experience of those who have suffered but also we are called to reach out to victims and survivors.

FRIDAY

Our Lady of Lourdes, On this day in 1858, Our Lady first appeared to the fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous. Later Bernadette was to learn that the mysterious lady was the Blessed Virgin and to hear from her lips, "I am the Immaculate Conception". In 1992 Pope John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick to be held on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

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Sunday 6th February 2022

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Join us for every mass from Grange Church online through our Facebook Page

Adoration every Thursday, 7-9pm, Grange Church

Cliffoney Masses

Sunday 6th February	10:30am	Martin Currid, Mullaghmore (1st Anniversary)
Friday 11th February	10:00am	Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday 12th February	2:00pm	Wedding: Malcolm & Christine
	4:00pm	Baptism
Sunday 13th February	10:30am	Molly & Owen Conway
Collection: €424		

Grange Masses

Saturday 5th February	8:00pm	Marian Carney (6th Anniversary) Jimmy McMahon
Sunday 6th February	12 noon	Anthony Lockhart (13th Anniversary)
Monday 7th February	9:30am	For the People of the Parish Feast of St Mel
Tuesday 8th February	9:30am	Day of Prayer Against Human Trafficking
Wednesday 9th February	9:30am	Private Intention Dorothea Schumacher
Thursday 10th February	9:30am	Feast of St Scholastica
Saturday 12th February	8:00pm	Charles & Mary Costello, Kilcat Rita Conway, Dublin (1st Anniversary)
Sunday 13th February	12 noon	Tommy Maguire, Cloyspara Paddy & Agnes Watters, Cloonaghbaun
	1:00pm	Baptism x2
Collection: €640		

Scoil Naomh Molaise Enrolment Applications

Scoil Naomh Molaise, Grange, are now accepting enrolment applications for the school year 2022/2023. The school's Admissions Policy and Admissions Notice may be viewed at www.molaise.com. Please email office@molaise.com for an application form. The school will cease accepting applications on 3rd March 2022. Parents and new pupils will be offered an opportunity to visit the school during the final term. For more information email the school or contact Teresa on 071 9163419.

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

- Agnes Clancy (née Feeney), Moneygold, Grange. Died peacefully 28th January at Mowlam Nursing Home. Our sympathy to her son John, daughters Vera McGowan & Marian Morrison, daughter-in-law Margaret, son-in-law Larry, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family. Funeral Mass took place on 31st January in Grange Church with burial in Ahamlish Cemetery.
- Marie Lenehan (née Gilmartin), Carrigeens, Ballinful and formerly Cliffoney. Predeceased by her husband JP, son Seamus and grandsons James & Sean. Our sympathy to her daughters Geraldine, Mary, Margaret, Jacqueline & Pauline; sons Sean, Liam, Marty, Hughie, Brendan & Raymond; sons- & daughters-in-law; grandchildren; great-grandchildren and brother Sean. Funeral mass took place at St Patrick's Church, Maugherow with burial in Carrigeens Cemetery.
- Kathleen Oates (née Higgins), Tawley, Castlegal, Co Leitrim. Our sympathy to her sons Peter, Bernard, Gerry, John, Kiernan & Declan; daughters Delia, Josephine, Dolorus, Pauline & Christina; grandchildren; great-grandchildren and brother Eddie. Funeral Mass took place in St Molaise Church, Cliffoney on 4th February with burial in Ahamlish Cemetery.
- Martin Mooney, Rathcormac. Died 30th January. Our sympathy to his wife Joan; daughters Lynn & Lauren; grandchildren Jack & Finn; sisters Philomena, Hazel, Catherine McGloin (Derrylehan, Grange) & Breege Fahy; brothers Jimmy & George and extended family. Funeral took place at St Columba's Church, Rathcormac on 2nd February with cremation to follow
- Martin McGowan, Kinlough. Died 4th February. Our sympathy to his wife Ann and sister Eileen McGowan (Carns, Grange). Funeral will take place at Kinlough Church on Sunday 6th February at 11am.
- Dorothea (Dottie) Schumacher (née Chalk), Arlington, Massachusetts, USA. Died 3rd February. Our sympathy to her husband John (our best fan of our FB mass); daughter Kathy; sons Steven & David; and grandchildren Corey, Patrick & Adam. Funeral Mass will take place at St Agnes, Medford St., Arlington on 11th February. Mass will be offered in Grange on Wednesday 9th February at 9:30am.

The Faith Café for Grandparents

The Faith Café is an initiative of the Catholic Grandparents' Association which was introduced during the Covid-19 pandemic as a social and spiritual space for Grandparents to meet online once a month to chat, to offer prayers and intentions and to just be together in the spirit of faith. The next Faith Café will be on Tuesday 8th February from 7.30pm to 8.30pm and the speaker is Dana Rosemary Scallon. Register for the Faith Café by email to info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com Once you register for the Faith Café, you will receive the details of how to connect in for the gathering on Zoom.