

ST COLUMBKILLE'S FAMILY

THREE PARISHES TOGETHER

Please continue to sanitise your hands and mask is recommended, maintain social distance to keep us all safe.
Please take your Bulletin home, Thank you



Warm Clothing and Blankets

Don't hang on to those things you do not use any longer.

Donate them to the St Vincent de Paul Conference and keep someone warm this Winter.

Next Readings Twentieth Sunday Ordinary Time /C

1 st Reading	Prophet Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
2 nd Reading	Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel -	Luke 12: 49-53

Archdiocese – Year of Walking Together

With great joy, I announce that the Archdiocese immediately embark on a YEAR OF WALKING TOGETHER. Just as the Risen Lord *walked* alongside(SYNODALITY) the disciples on the road to Emmaus and drew them from anxiety to hope, may we open ourselves up to do the same. In this year we will actively pursue solidarity as an Archdiocese, fostering a "mindset which thinks in in terms of community and the priority of the life of all" (*Evangelii Gaudium* n. 188).

Two compass points ought to guide us.

Firstly, let us consider our response to the Plenary Council so far. It would be true to say that only certain groups in our Archdiocese have engaged with this communal discernment/spiritual conversation process to date. This has happened for all sorts of reasons. However, It is difficult to see united pastoral advancement deepen unless we firstly get to know each other better

It is important to listen to the life/faith stories of each other so we can join each other in our united spiritual journey. As Pope Francis has taught about our shared humanity, our life together is not simply time that passes but opportunities for interactions(cf *Fratelli Tutti* n. 66).

Second, let us be enriched by our Catholic love of the Scriptures and Tradition, especially the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the recent motions of our Plenary Council.

This will reveal that the Church has faced so many challenges over the centuries. Yet, at the same time, she has sought to remain faithful to her original mission of evangelisation whilst adjusting to new circumstances.

This great redemptive pattern of "God with us" needs a fresh expression now in our Archdiocese, in union with the entire Church.

Let us reaffirm that Jesus is the centre of our common Emmaus walk. Without the Holy Spirit guiding us and our listening to the Spirit's whisper, all our efforts will ultimately prove fruitless.

Sincerely in Christ

Archbishop Prowse