



ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

1st October 2023



The Synod on Synodality - Communion, Participation and Mission, opens in Rome next Wednesday 4th October, as the next stage in the process of listening and discerning what God wants from us, His people, in the world today.

This is the culmination of the meetings we - and every other parish throughout the world - held last year when small groups came together to discuss topics under the headings of Faith, Servant Leadership, Social Justice and Welcome. 13,000 people throughout the Dublin Diocese participated and all reports were sent to the Diocese to be compiled into a report which was sent to Rome. This in turn became part of the worldwide preparation for this Synod in Rome which will continue throughout October, where every voice throughout the world will be heard - the true meaning of Synod. Each week the diocese will produce a newsletter with the latest reports from Rome which will be available every weekend in the Gathering Area.

The local Society of St. Vincent de Paul are taking up their usual church gate collection at all Masses this weekend. They appeal for your usual generosity. Thank you.

Sunday 1st October the feast of the Little Flower, St. Therese of Lisieux

This year also marks the 150th anniversary of her birth in January 1873. She died, aged just 24, of tuberculosis in 1897, believing that her life was really just beginning for God, promising to spend her heaven doing good on earth. She was canonized in 1925 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1997 by Pope John Paul II, the youngest of all the Doctors of the Church.



Some of her famous quotes:

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest thing right and doing it all for love."

"Our Lord does not so much look at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them."

"To live in love is to sail forever, spreading seeds of joy and peace in hearts."

"Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing."

"I will let down a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good on earth."