

# The Nod

## SYNOD 2012



March 2011

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Celebrate the past  
Engage with the present  
Envision the future

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## Synod Survey results being collated

Thank you to everyone who completed a Parishioner Survey in February. There were thousands of responses received from parishes and their primary schools, our secondary schools, online, by email, post and fax. The results are now being collated.

The results of the survey will be put forward at the next stage - the Regional Meetings in May. Each Parish will have six to eight delegates at their Regional Meeting. These delegates will synthesise the results of the

Parishioner Survey from their region and produce a list of themes and issues to be put forward to the First Synod Gathering.

The First Synod Gathering will be held on the weekend of 3-4 June 2011 at the Diocese of Broken Bay's office in Pennant Hills. Delegates from all Parishes in the Diocese of Broken Bay will join Bishop David Walker, Clergy, Diocesan Staff and other Diocesan organisations to discuss the issues put forward to the Synod.



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## Upcoming Synod Events

### Regional Meetings

3 May 2011  
Peninsula

5 May 2011  
Central Coast

10 May 2011  
North Shore

First Synod Gathering  
3-4 June 2011  
Diocese of Broken Bay

## Clergy consultation

Five Clergy Deanery Meetings were held in February around the Broken Bay Diocese to discuss issues in the pre-consultation phase of the Synod.

A total of 58 Priests and Deacons attended the meetings which were facilitated by Mary Leahy from Integro Partners.

The Clergy reflected on a series of questions from a parish and Diocesan perspective. The feedback from these meetings will be put forward to the First Synod Gathering in June.



Tuggerah Lakes and Brisbane Waters Clergy Deanery Meeting at Woy Woy

## Parish Pastoral Councils have their say

In February it was not only parishioners that had the opportunity to have input in the Synod. Parish Pastoral Councils in each parish dedicated their monthly meeting to the Synod.

Each Pastoral Council was given a workbook and agenda to work through and

discuss parish-based issues, achievements and concerns for the future.

The results of the Parish Pastoral Council meetings will be put forward directly to the First Synod Gathering.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

PARISHIONER SURVEY

REFLECT connect ENGAGE

February 2011

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Your opinion matters! Help shape our future!

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Your answers to this important survey will be presented at the Synod in 2011 and 2012 and will help shape the Anglican Diocese.

For more information contact the Synod 2012 Communications Team on 02 9390 9999 or visit our website at [www.dbb.org.au/synod](http://www.dbb.org.au/synod) or follow us on Facebook - Synod 2012, Diocese of Broken Bay or Twitter - @dbbsynod2012

The Synod at all times will ask its participants to think on three levels:

- Personal
- Parish
- Diocesan

# Synod prayers

Thank you to everyone who submitted a prayer for the Synod. Given that so many high quality and diverse submissions were received, the Synod Task Force decided that rather than nominate a single prayer, a selection of these prayers would be used over the course of the Synod in a variety of circumstances.

Lord,  
we ask you to inspire all members of the Diocese of Broken Bay  
to participate in our Synod with passion,  
imagination and love.

Grant us  
the knowledge to identify the issues which will  
enliven our faith,  
the tolerance to hear and embrace different views,  
the wisdom to resolve issues and formulate  
actions in accordance with your holy will and  
the courage to accept changes which will enrich  
our lives.

Send your Holy Spirit to guide us  
as we joyfully involve ourselves in this unique  
opportunity  
to lay the foundations of the future direction for  
our Diocese.

May the sharing of the skills and experiences of  
our people  
inspire the creation of plans which will support  
our congregations,  
ignite our enthusiasm and strengthen our faith.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.  
Amen  
Our Lady, Star of the Sea, R. Pray for us.

*Submitted by Tim Irwin  
North Harbour Parish*

Gathered in your name, O God,  
we ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit  
on the Church of Broken Bay.

United by the death and resurrection of your Son,  
You call us to be your People;  
To be a sign and witness to the world.

Bless our Synod.  
May we be evangelisers of Word and Sacrament  
cooperating with your grace  
to fulfill the longings of the human heart.

Mary, Star of the Sea, pray for us.

*Submitted by Fr Robert Borg  
Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish*

Eternal Father, we gather as Your people,  
thankful that You have planted us in the Diocese  
of Broken Bay.

Please renew us all in Your Holy Spirit  
that we may become more diligent disciples of  
Your Son Jesus  
and more zealous witnesses to Your Love.

Make us aware of the gifts and talents you have  
given,  
And how You desire them to be used  
to build Your Kingdom.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord, by the  
power of the Holy Spirit.

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, R. Pray for us.

*Submitted by CM Cavanagh  
Woy Woy Parish*

O God,  
You call us to be your People,  
And to live as Disciples of Jesus.  
Bless our Synod and enable us to live as the  
Baptised.  
Under the protection of Mary, Star of the Sea,  
may all in our Diocese live the Gospel to the full.  
Amen.

*Submitted by Fr Robert Borg  
Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish*

God of our Past, our Present, our Future –

We praise and thank You for your guidance in the  
past  
Through the work of the Spirit of Christ.

We humbly beg You now to open our minds and  
hearts to your will  
so that our actions may be brave and inspired by  
the Life of Christ.

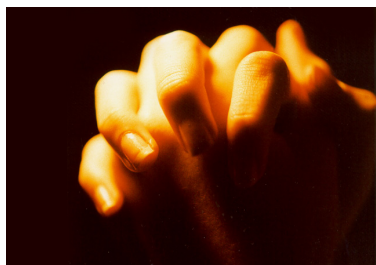
We have the audacity to hope in faith  
that our influence on the future  
will reflect the goodness of Christ.

May your timeless Grace be with us  
As we embark on this journey for our Synod.

Amen.

*Submitted by Deborah Halligan  
Lower North Shore Parish*

Please pray for the success of our Synod.  
These prayers are available on our website  
and may be downloaded and reproduced  
for use by individuals or parish groups.



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