

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

## The Synod on Synodality: Preparing to journey together

Pope Francis has called the entire People of God to journey together! This invitation isn't just for Bishops or Clergy it is an invitation to every Baptised person – all the People of God. The Synodal process invites each one of us - the People of God - to recall that we journey together as a community of faith. As we walk on our journey of faith we are called to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and to one another.

On this second week of Advent, we reflect on John the Baptist; a voice calling in the wilderness. There are many people who feel that their voice is in the wilderness and isn't heard by the Church. This week let us prayerfully look around our Parish Community and reflect on whose voice may not be heard and how we might accompany people on their faith journey with the compassion, love, and mercy that Jesus asks of us.

This week we encourage you to pray with this prayer:

Lord, this Advent, give me a welcoming heart.

Let me be open to the messengers of your word,
especially to those whom at first glance I might resist,
for they are your prophets today urging me to change
my way of thinking and living.