

# Newtbec

NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

27th Ordinary Sunday

**SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:**  
**COMMUNION (INCLUSIVE), PARTICIPATION (CREATIVE) & MISSION (BRIDGE BUILDING)**

**MONTHLY FOCUS:**  
**SYNOD 2021 - 2023**

**FOCUS EVENT:**  
**CHURCH AND SYNODALITY**

## DIOCESE OF MELAKA JOHOR

### *Pre-synodal Synthesis*



1. What is the Spirit saying to the parishes, diocese and the Church? + the kingdom of God being built alive, growing, producing fruits. + Our Communion keeps Jesus alive in faith, lives, words and witnessing.
2. The Challenges faced + bringing the various language groups in the parishes closer as one. + Politicking, favouritism, impure motives, fear of rejection, a reluctance to serve, stifles growth and promotes abuses against people.
3. The invitation of the Holy Spirit + adaptability and flexibility in our response according to times and needs. + prudent use of social media in reaching the young. + openness to feedback and fraternal correction to move forward. + to become authentic ministers and People of God.
4. The needed conversions? + from complacent and comfort seeking attitudes, + to encourage equality and justice. + change of mindset and cultures that hinders growth. + openness to those with differing moral preferences + to heed feedbacks + quality homilies. + home visits and pastoral care. + too much emphasis to race and language groups. + from being materialistic and money minded. + need for direction.
5. New focuses and attention needed + strengthen faith of Catholic party in interfaith marriages. + promote long term commitment. + BECs need new direction + Review of rural parishes with smaller numbers. + involving young people in planning for the future.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF KUALA LUMPUR

### *Pre-synodal Findings*

**To re-look at pastoral approaches :**

1. to include ALL especially the elderly and young in the growth of the Church.
2. on parish level leadership - against power struggles and favouritism, of succession plan for leadership and formation, training, retreats, and training in skills.

Participation in services, by example and humility and a welcoming attitude.

3. of Clergy concerns - formation, knowledge of scripture, on the quality of homilies, on relationships and setting good examples.
4. with the Orang Asli's and their concerns at parish level collaborating with with AOHD, PIHDM, BECs NGOs and Religious bodies.
5. in charitable dialogue and compassion rather than administrative.
6. recognising and promoting the role of women.
7. with openness to the Holy Spirit in the "synodal way" to observe, discern, and collaborate.
8. a review of leadership parish structure esp PPC, PCC, PFC
9. of inter-faith collaboration by strengthening diocesan and parish level ministries.
10. towards care and growth for language groups in multi-lingual parish communities.
11. with a conversion of leadership and relationships. ✚

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