

# Diocesan Synod Memo No. 5

## Bishop Bill's Easter Message

Bishop Bill in his Easter Message reflects on how chocolate for a lot of people is important to them for Easter, and how this, relates to bringing joy and hope. Easter is our time to consider and rejoice in the love shown by Jesus. His Easter message reminds us that Easter is a time of joy and hope for all people. [Watch Bishop Bill's Video](#)

It is still important to remember that due to COVID, there are still limits on the number of people who can gather in churches, so please check with your parish with what is happening over the Easter season. [Easter Mass times are now available here](#)

The Synod Working Group would like to wish you a joyful and hopefilled Easter.

## Way of the Cross – Now available

A recorded video presentation of this year's Way of the Cross, featuring students from our schools, parishioners, and diocesan groups, is available for you to reflect on during Holy week. [Way of the Cross Reflection.](#)

## 7 to 8 April – Delegates - Session Two Training

An email has been sent to delegates inviting them to register for this training. Registrations close on Tuesday 6 April. Please register if you wish to attend one of these sessions.

Training will be provided to all delegates on the responsibilities, requirements, and processes of being a delegate prior to being commissioned as a Synod Member. It will also cover the processes for Session Two of Synod.

We invite delegates to register for one of the sessions:

- Wednesday 7 April – Online  
Each session is repeated from 9.00am to 10.30am / from 6.00pm to 7.30pm.
- Thursday 8 April – Toohey Room  
Each session is repeated from 10.00am to 11.30am/ from 6.00pm to 7.30pm.

## 12 April – Submission Feedback Closes

Thank you to all the people who have provided submissions from the contemplative dialogue during Lent.

If you have not already done so, you are encouraged to provide feedback via the diocesan synod website. Your feedback will assist Bishop Bill and the Synod Working Party in preparing for the second session of Synod.

All feedback needs to be submitted by 12 April, [Synod Submissions.](#)

## 13 April to 4 May – Bishop Bill’s Reflection Days

As we move closer to session two of Synod you are invited to listen and contemplate as Bishop Bill reflects on:

- Francis’ vision of our future Church
- Our Australian experience
- What is possible in the future?

The two-hour presentation will include time for questions, for dialogue and afternoon tea/supper. This is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

At the beginning of April, delegates will receive a letter of appointment, with details of their commissioning and appointment as Synod Members, which will take place at the Mass in between the afternoon and evening sessions of Bishop Bill’s Reflection Days.

We invite participants to register for ONE of the sessions and ONE Mass time.

Tuesday April 13 - Aberdeen

Wednesday April 14 - East Maitland

Thursday April 15 - Charlestown

Tuesday April 20 - Forster

Thursday April 22 - Toronto

Tuesday May 4 - Cathedral House

There will be TWO sessions of the Bishop’s Reflection at each of the above locations: 2.30pm to 4.30pm **AND** 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

**The appointment and commissioning of Synod Delegates as Synod Members will occur at Mass from 5.00pm - 5.30pm.**

Registrations needs to be completed for BOTH the Reflection and the Mass.

To register go to: [Bishop Bill’s Reflection Days](#)

## Building the Kingdom of God Together – Our Journey

If you would like to receive a copy of this contemplative dialogue process of engaging with our diocesan synod, please contact Jenny Harris on 49791134.

## Diocesan Synod Website

All information for our diocesan synod is available on the synod website:

<https://www.domnsynod.com.au/>