

Matters Outside Remit of Synod 2020

Since the beginning of our Synod 2020 journey there has been a clear understanding that some of the issues raised would inevitably be about things that a diocesan bishop does not have the authority to decide on. Through the open meetings, throughout the listening stage, and in the proposals submitted, a number of such issues have come to light. As such these issues do not find a place in the summary document that will be received this weekend. A Diocesan Synod is not the place where these can be considered.

However, careful note has been made of these issues (none have been lost) and at the Synod gathering in March, when you receive the final Synod Proposals, you will also receive a report that will detail all these issues that lie outside the remit of the Synod with time to reflect on them and respond to them. (These ideas and reflections will not be rushed through, a substantial time will be given to them.)

At the end of our Synod journey a report will be sent to the Bishops' Conference and to Rome. This report will also include these issues.

