



# Synodality and the Life of the Parish

St Ignatius Church  
30 Kensington Terrace  
Toowong

Friday, 24 May 2024, 7.30pm – 9.00pm

All welcome! Also online...

Leading African theologian and 2 local experts!



The key speaker:

**Fr Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator, S.J.**  
member of the Roman Synod on Synodality

- Dean of the Jesuit School of Theology in California.
- Nigerian-born, successively provincial and regional superior of the Jesuits in Africa.
- Taught theology and religious studies at Hekima University College, St Augustine College of Sth Africa in Johannesburg, and Marquette University in Milwaukee.



His books include *Theology Brewed in an African Pot* in which he writes that ‘*theology isn’t an exercise in conceptual weightlessness; it does not defy the law of gravity*’.

Echoing Pope Francis he says, ‘*If theologians do not “smell” of the joys and hopes and the pain and anguish of people of their times and contexts, they become “table-top” speculators in arcane complexities and purveyors of theological inanities.*’

You can listen to his podcast reflecting on the last session of the Synod here:



Joined by:

two of our finest local theologians

**Fr Orm Rush**

Orm is a priest from the Townsville Diocese. Author of *The Vision of Vatican II: Its Fundamental Principles*, he was invited to address the last session of the Synod in Rome.



**Associate Professor Maeve Heaney.**

Maeve is the Director of the Xavier Centre for Theological Formation at Australian Catholic University. She is the author of *Suspended God: Music and a Theology of Doubt*. She was a participant in our recent Plenary Council.



As we prepare for the October, 2nd session of the **Synod on Synodality** in Rome, this is an opportunity for people in the Archdiocese of Brisbane to come and hear some of the key theologians participating in the synodal processes both locally and internationally.

**There will be plenty of time for Q&A!**

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