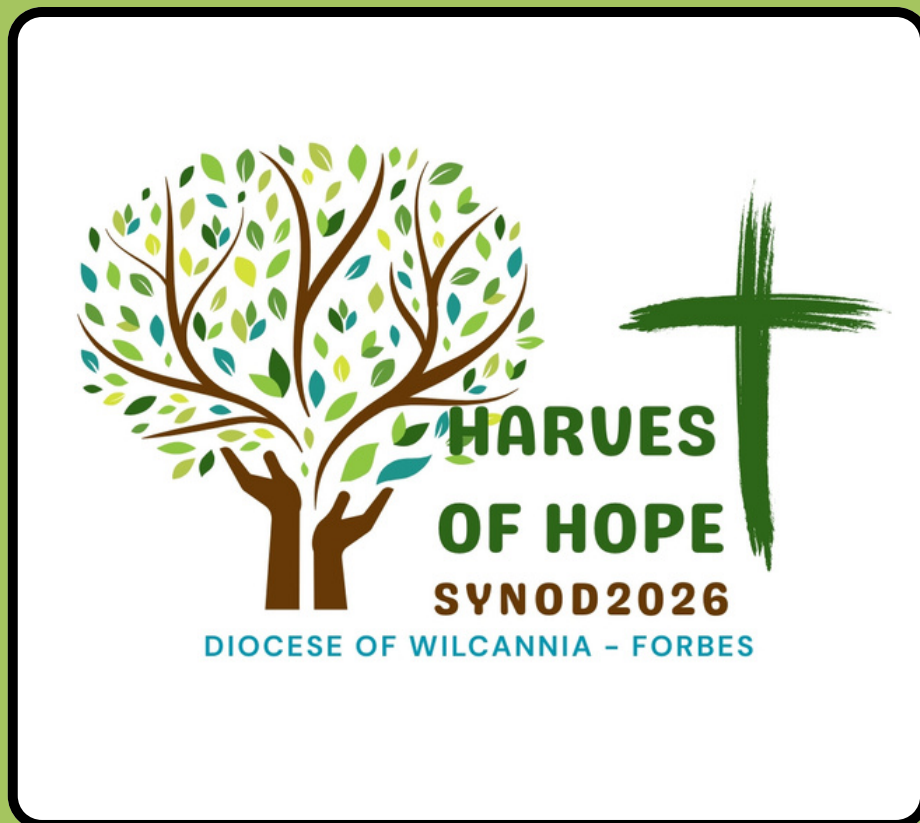




Registration Information **Diocesan Synod**



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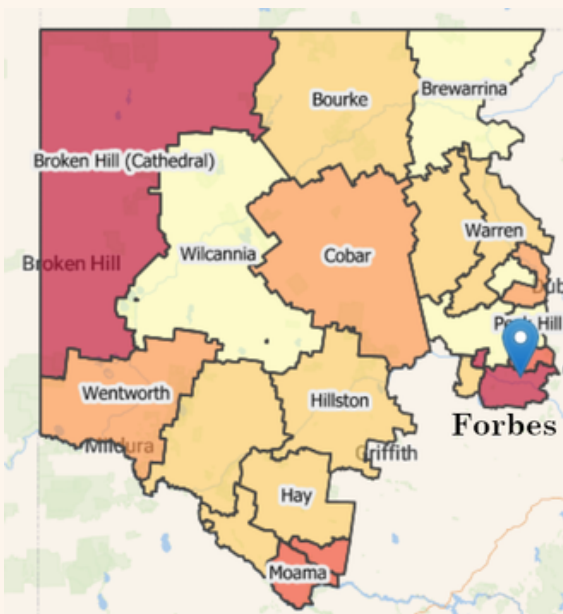
30 Sep - 2 Oct 2026

Aim of the Synod

Affirming the fruits of the Spirit throughout this diocese, we walk together in prayer towards a harvest of hope. Our Synod will inspire our shared mission in communion with Bishop Columba and every member of our diocese.

Venue

The Diocesan Synod will be kindly hosted by Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes. Red Bend is an independent, co-educational Catholic secondary school in the Marist tradition. It is the only Catholic secondary school in the diocese, and continues a long history of Marist and Mercy education in the local area. We will be meeting on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri people, and we pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging.



Synod Program

Wednesday, September 30

Time	Details
From 3pm	Arrivals, registration
5pm	Opening Liturgy
6pm	Dinner
7pm	Welcome activities
7:45pm	Session 1: Explaining the Synod process
8:30pm	End of the day

Thursday, October 1

Time	Details
7am	Mass
7:30am	Breakfast
8:15am	Opening Prayer (official start)
8:30am	Session 2: Theme 1
10am	Morning tea
10:30am	Session 3: Theme 2
12pm	Break and Expo
12:30pm	Lunch

Synod Program

Thursday, October 1

Time	Details
1:30pm	Session 4: Theme 3
3pm	Afternoon tea and Expo
4:15pm	Session 5: Theme 4
5:45pm	Break
6pm	Dinner
7pm	Entertainment
8:30pm	Holy hour
9:30pm	End of the day

Friday, October 2

Time	Details
7:30am	Breakfast
9am	Session 6: Where to from here?
9:45am	Session 7: Wrap Up
10:15am	Break
10:30am	Concluding Mass
12pm	Grab lunch and go

Costs and Accommodation Options

Cost: \$220.00 per person - Attendance and food only

This covers:

- Synod program 30 Sep - 1 Oct
- All meals: Breakfast (Thursday, Friday), Morning tea, Lunch (Thursday, Friday), Afternoon tea, Dinner (Wednesday, Thursday), Supper

Cost: \$330.00 per person - Attendance, food and accommodation

This covers:

- Synod program 30 Sep - 1 Oct
- All meals: Breakfast (Thursday, Friday), Morning tea, Lunch (Thursday, Friday), Afternoon tea, Dinner (Wednesday, Thursday), Supper
- Accommodation (boarding house or BYO RV/Campervan)
- Access to the guest wifi

Please let us know if these costs would prevent your attendance.

Red Bend Boarding School Basic Accommodation



- A room in a 30 bedroom dorm, with mattress, sheets, towel (please bring your own pillow and doona/sleeping bag)
- Access to a shared bathroom
- Access to the kitchen with tea/coffee, biscuits available

Costs and Accommodation Options

Red Bend Boarding School Basic Accommodation cont.

- There are also 6 ensuited rooms and 2 accessible rooms with a bathroom located outside the room, with the same linen (please make a note in Question 9 of the Registration Form if you would like one of these options; they will be allocated based on need)

Red Bend parking space for RVs or Campervans

- Use of demountable bathroom facilities and the boys boarding residence for common space

Free RV camping by Lake Forbes

Up to 48 hours - [website](#)

Caravan parks in Forbes, including sites and cabins

- Forbes Holiday Park (closest to Red Bend) - [website](#)
- Apex Riverside (also close, includes motel-style) - [website](#)
- Forbes River Meadows Caravan Park - [website](#)
- Forbes Caravan and Cabin Park - [website](#)

Hotels and Motels in Forbes

- Vandenburg Hotel (simple pub-style) - [website](#)
- Forbes Inn (pub-style) - [website](#)
- Adrian Motel (lower price) - [website](#)
- Victoria Inn (motel) - [website](#)
- Plainsman Motel - [website](#)
- Country Mile Motor Inn - [website](#)
- Ben Hall Motor Inn - [website](#)
- Town and Country Motor Inn (higher price) - [website](#)

Synod Process

The Synod process is designed by the Synod Subcommittee of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, with input from Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE, Synod Facilitator Qwayne Guevara, Canonical advisor Fr Casimir Zielinski OSPPE, Theological advisor Fr Bijoy Joseph, the Council of Priests and the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

Members of the Synod will vote on proposed Recommendations that have emerged for each of the four Synod themes. An early draft form of these can be found at the end of each theme in the **Working Document**, which followed the initial diocesan survey, deanery meetings and submissions. Before the Synod, these will be more fully developed, through surveys and Zoom meetings, into a set of Recommendations under a particular Priority. Members will have time before the Synod to familiarise themselves with these Recommendations.

At the Synod, the Synod Facilitator will lead discernment and discussion on the final Priorities and Recommendations. This will include formation, a time of synodal listening, an opportunity to give input 'from the floor' (speak to the whole Synod) and a voting process. The consultative votes must pass a 2/3rds majority for them to pass as Recommendations for the Bishop.

Members will be given reading/viewing/listening material prior to the Synod so that we feel fully prepared to be part of this process. We will commit to listening to the Holy Spirit and each other with a generous heart and open mind. We will include young people who will engage with the Synod material in a relevant way with their peers. We will also all be invited to a Zoom reflection evening close to the time of the Synod, to deepen our spiritual preparation.

The Synod Subcommittee would like to encourage you to join us in this endeavour. It is not a meeting for experts, but a gathering of the faithful, who all have a valuable contribution to make as part of the Body of Christ.

Thank you for your prayer as we walk this Synod journey together.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us.

All information and documents can be found at:

www.wf.catholic.org.au/synod-2026/

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