

## **Vox Populi**

24 October 2024

The Synod on Synodality will conclude this weekend as the participants prepare to vote on the final document and celebrate the concluding Mass with Pope Francis on Sunday.

The participants will enter a well-earned two-day break on Thursday and Friday, as they prepare for a big final day on the Synod on Saturday, while the Commission for the Drafting of the Final Document works on preparing the summary report.

Bishop Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Sandhurst, is one of the 14 people chosen to draft the final document, which will then be voted on paragraph by paragraph, by a two-thirds majority, on Saturday.

Pope Francis will address the participants at the end of the Saturday and then celebrate Mass at St Peter's Basilica on Sunday morning.

It's been an exhausting few weeks for Bishop Anthony Randazzo and Broken Bay Chancellor Kelly Paget, who have been working hard since the start of the month with barely any breaks or rest days.

Bishop Anthony has also been a part of the Synod's Commission for Information, speaking to international media when required.

Last Saturday night, Bishop Anthony also <u>announced a new network</u> to provide pastoral, practical and better employment and health care support for thousands of migrant workers, refugees and their families across the Pacific.

In these final days of the Synod on Synodality, we pray that Bishop Anthony, Kelly and all the other participants will be strengthened and guided by the Holy Spirit, to help build up the Church in Her Synodal mission.