

Refreshing Our Commitment

Ministry: **Welcome**

What it is about To encourage people to receive God's Word through being made to feel welcome in God's house.

What it involves Arriving 30 minutes before Mass and staying 30 minutes after Mass.
Check that all those on Mass rotas are present and arrange for cover if not.
Encourage wide participation so a range of people are asked to bring up the collection/s and the offertory.
Help distribute, misselettes, newsletters etc
Stay in the narthex after the start of mass, to welcome any late-comers and see that they are found a seat if possible (but without disrupting the Mass too much).

New parishioners (these may have recently moved in to the parish, or simply not have been to church for some time.) Everyone is to feel welcome and at ease. Try to notice any new parishioners. Make sure they are invited to coffee after Mass. Ask them gently and without prying (after mass if not enough time beforehand) what their interests are and try to or introduce them to people you think they might get along with. Make sure new parishioners are invited to complete the parish register (and have a copy of the parish directory or know how to get it on the parish website.)

"Missing" parishioners Try to spot any regulars who may, through illness, may not have come to mass and may be in need of a visit. Let Father Simon know or ask others about them to check they are OK.

All parishioners Listen to people having special needs, e.g. Mass intention requests, recently bereaved, worried about something in their life and make sure they know who to talk to after Mass about those (or beforehand if time).
Check if someone who is clearly frail would prefer to receive communion in the pew. If so, let Fr Simon know before Mass starts and encourage the person to sit close to the front of church.

Yes this is for me

I'd like to know more

Signed

Name
Contact details

Please return to the parish office or in the Refreshing our commitment box in the narthex.