

# Pastoral Ministry Support

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

Hello visitation ministers,

I hope this correspondence finds you well.

I thought it was time to get in touch with you with some tips, reminders, support and information for your Pastoral Ministry involvement, in particular, Communion visits for both home visits and nursing home visits. (It's like a mini-in-between-newsletter.)

Due to the many changes that have occurred over the past ten months I feel it is time to touch upon a few points that may have slipped our attention.

Today's tips, reminders, support & information:



## Picking up hosts for your visit/s

- \* Please arrive 5 to 10 minutes BEFORE Mass.
- \* Enter the Sacristy and introduce yourself and your ministry to the priest or presider.
- \* Ask for the bread/breads required for your visit/s; (un-consecrated) breads are kept in the Sacristy cupboard.
- \* Bread/s are placed in your pyx and then you place your pyx onto the altar BEFORE mass commences. *Please note that hosts are not to be taken from the tabernacle at this time before mass.*
- \* After mass retrieve your pyx and undertake your ministry.
- \* Consume any remaining hosts after your visit/s. Any remaining hosts are not to be kept for future visits on other days – they are to be consumed or returned to the Church tabernacle that day (please arrange with one of the priests or me for returns).
- \* If you arrive when mass has commenced please see the priest or presider AFTER mass to obtain hosts from the tabernacle.
- \* For communion services (Tuesday and Thursday 6.45am) please see the presider AFTER the service for the host/s.
- \* For Liturgical reasons please do not collect your host during communion time. *This may have become the practice over time during mass and communion services and at the time not discouraged by priests and presiders. Please refrain from this practice in the future as the focus of distribution of communion during the mass or communion service is on the gathered community. At the end of the mass or service the priest or presider sends us forth, this includes sending forth those who minister to parishioners who could not be present.*
- \* Some of you may be attending weekday mass at OLF Peakhurst (Wednesday and Friday at 9.30am) and collecting your hosts from the Mass for your visits. The priests are aware of this. The process of collecting host/s is exactly the same as listed above.
- \* Under exceptional circumstances a time can be arranged for collection of hosts from the tabernacle outside of the mass. This would not be the normal practice. The priests or I can assist with obtaining hosts from the tabernacle.

*Over the years the above has been our practice and part of the initial formation training with me as Pastoral Care Coordinator; there may have been some changes for you over time due to practical reasons. Please follow the guidelines above so everyone can minister to best of their ability and have a deeper understanding and appreciation of the significance of this ministry.*

As Pastoral Care Coordinator I thank you on behalf of the parish, parish priests and especially the many parishioners who feel connected to their church, their faith and their community through your ministry to them. You are an incredible group of people giving of your time and service to others.

I look forward to catching up with you at future celebrations of the Eucharist and other parish gatherings.

For further information, prayers, communion prayer cards, please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone.

Stay tuned for the next instalment....

Wishing you God's continuous blessings.

Much love,

*Paulineke*

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**Mass Times**

**Vigil:** 6pm; **Sunday:** 7am, 9am, 11am, 6pm;

**Weekday:** Mon, Wed & Fri – 6.45am; Tues & Thurs – 9.15am; Sat – 8am

**Communion Service:** Tues & Thurs – 6.45am