

Catholic? Been away?

The Catholic Bishops of Australia want to welcome back people who have drifted away from the life of the Church for whatever reason or who have never really been part of it. The Church is God's family and, like any family, has its differences. Sometimes people are hurt by other family members. We ask your forgiveness if you have been hurt in some way through the Church. Sometimes people can leave home just through the pressures of the world. We want you to know that, if you have been away, you are still called by God to the fullness of life, and to live that life in the community of the Church, where Christ with his life-giving Word and his Sacraments of salvation are available.

Why not join us again? We need each other. We need your help in carrying on the mission of Jesus. Only with you, can we be all that Jesus calls us to be as his Church. You have a God-given gift which you alone can bring to the Church. We need that gift.

Why not join us again? We all need God. The Church is not a palace for saints but a hospital for sinners. We all crave the healing Jesus offers. We can find it in the Church. Alone we can never solve our own problems or find our way. We need help. We need one another. We need God.

So wherever you are on your journey...come and celebrate with us. How to connect? Simply come to Mass, talk to a priest.

- Archbishop Philip Wilson on behalf of all the bishops of Australia