

## OPEN WELCOMING COMMUNITY

Have you ever been to a Catholic Church, sat as part of a large congregation during Mass and gone home again without having spoken to anyone? Or perhaps you moved into a parish and several months on you find that you have talents and wish to be of service, but have never had the conversation that enables this to happen?

A truly Catholic community welcomes all people, fostering a culture of openness, transparency and accountability and exploring how we can include those marginalised or disengaged from our Parish community. We grow in faith when we include those who have migrated or are sick and housebound.

Creating an open welcome community is the first priority of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. It begins with a decision to love. We can open our hearts to one another and recognise the strengths of every person. When each person is allowed to share their gifts, our community is strengthened.

Ministry of Welcome training is being provided in our Parish, and you are being offered a chance to participate. The training will begin in the New Year, and will involve attending four training sessions of approximately one and a half hours each. The group will have continued support in helping to implement their vision.

If you are interested in finding out more, please fill out the registration box below and return it to the Parish office. Alternatively, you can contact the Parish Priest or email your details to [owclivingchurchnc@gmail.com](mailto:owclivingchurchnc@gmail.com)

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