

SS Joseph & Swithun  
Catholic Parish Community  
Bromley



*I was a stranger  
and you made me welcome...*  
*Matthew 25:36*

Would you like to become a Welcomer?

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**SS Joseph & Swithun's Parish** is a very friendly parish. First impressions count and many people say how much they appreciate the smile and greeting at the church door each weekend.

To be welcomed at our church is a sign of the love that exists in our community for one another.

This leaflet sets out what it means to be part of the team of Welcomers so that we can develop and share in this ministry in our parish. We will always welcome individuals and families who would like to join the team.

Being a Welcomer is an opportunity to serve this parish by extending hospitality to all those who come to our church.

**A Welcomer** serves the parish in the following way:

- Organises newsletters and booklets before Mass begins
- Reads the newsletter so that they are aware of what's happening in the parish
- Greets parishioners and visitors
- Hands out newsletters,
- Identifies newcomers and offers Welcome pack/leaflet
- Assists with particular needs such as positioning of wheelchairs, directions to the toilets etc.
- Tidies books at the end of Mass

**A Welcomer** is part of a team that serves one of five Masses each weekend. The Welcome Team seeks to have a minimum of 2 people greeting people at each Mass. Welcomers are supported by two Co-ordinators. Currently Welcomers are welcoming once every four to six weeks.

The Co-ordinators are responsible for the rota and will communicate any changes / special instructions for Baptisms, First Holy Communions, Easter and Christmas etc ahead of time.

**A Welcomer** commits to:

- Arriving at church at least 15 minutes before Mass begins
- Staying after Mass for 10-15 minutes to collect Mass books and direct people to information/ coffee as appropriate
- Attending meetings for all Welcomers twice a year
- Arranging a replacement if they are unable to take their turn on the rota
- Being a Welcomer initially for 6 months and then reviewing their commitment.

**A Welcomer** is always friendly, approachable, sensitive and supportive of other team members.

**Would YOU like to join the Team?**