



Catholic Community of City South - Community Survey

Community Survey

WE WANT TO BE A CHURCH FOR YOU

The local Catholic parishes of Waterloo, Redfern and Rosebery have recently come together to form the Catholic Community of City South. The formation of City South represents a new direction for these parishes, and is an opportunity to strengthen and grow the local faith community. As a Catholic Community of Love, Truth and Beauty, City South will be the centre of a thriving community that is multigenerational, multicultural and welcoming to all.

As part of this process, we are reaching out to our local community to help shape the future of City South. We understand that there are things we could do to help you participate more fully in the local faith community. Your feedback will help us better understand the needs and issues facing our community and what we can do, as a united faith community, to support your involvement in the Church.

1. Which option best describes your relationship/association with the Catholic Church? (select one)

- I am a practicing Catholic
- I am a non-practicing Catholic
- I am associated with a different religion (practicing or non-practicing)
- I am not associated with any religion
- Other (please specify)

2. If you are a practicing Catholic, which parish do you feel most connected to? (select one)

- St Joseph's Catholic Church, Rosebery
- Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Church, Waterloo
- St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Redfern
- None
- Other (please specify)

3. How often do you attend Mass? (select one)

- More than once a week
- Occasionally (one a month)
- Once a week
- Holy days (Easter, Christmas etc.) or special occasions (baptisms, weddings etc.)
- Once every other week
- Never

4. How important is religion in your own life? (select one)

- Very Important
- Not so important
- Important
- Not at all important
- Neutral
- Unsure

5. Please select the option that best describes you: (select one)

- My children/child attend/s a Catholic School in the local area
- My children/child attend/s a Catholic School outside of the local area
- My child does not attend a Catholic School
- I do not have any school aged children
- Other (please specify)

6. In your opinion, what is the most important issue facing your community?

7. In your opinion, what is the greatest need in this area?

**8. In your opinion, why do you think some Catholics choose not to attend Mass?
(select as many options as you like)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No belief in God | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal issues that affect attitudes towards the Catholic Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No belief in organised religion | <input type="checkbox"/> No 'good' churches nearby |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not feeling welcome | <input type="checkbox"/> Busy lives which do not allow time for the Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church is boring/lacks relevance to life experience | <input type="checkbox"/> Church teaching/views on contemporary 'hot topics' |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faith is strong, but the Church fails to meet their needs | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure |

9. If you were interested being part of a local faith community, what are the things that you would be looking for?

10. What is one thing that would make your local faith community more effective in reaching out to those outside the Catholic Church?

11. What would encourage you to attend Mass/attend Mass more often or participate more fully in the local faith community? (select as many options as you like)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Masses or different Mass times | <input type="checkbox"/> A stronger sense of community/more opportunities to get to know other parishioners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More or different ministry opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Stronger links to the local Catholic school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More or different social events and activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Opportunities to include/welcome non-practicing Catholics and people of other faiths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Different music | <input type="checkbox"/> Nothing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

Now a few questions about you:

12. Please list your postcode.

13. Please indicate your age group.

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| <input type="radio"/> Under 18 | <input type="radio"/> 45-54 |
| <input type="radio"/> 18-24 | <input type="radio"/> 55-64 |
| <input type="radio"/> 25-34 | <input type="radio"/> 65-74 |
| <input type="radio"/> 35-44 | <input type="radio"/> 75+ |

14. Please indicate which language/s you speak at home, other than English.

Note: the main languages spoken in the area (other than English) have been listed below.

- Mandarin
- Cantonese
- Russian
- Greek
- Indonesian
- Spanish
- Korean
- None (other than English)
- Other (please specify)

15. Do you identify as an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

16. Do you identify as someone with a disability?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

17. What accessibility services or support do you require?

18. If you would like to hear from us again, please provide your details below.

First name

Last name

Email address

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your input will help shape the future of our united faith community.