

Dear Friend

So much has happened over the past two years since the pandemic began. Our lives have changed in many ways, but I want to share with you my certain faith that the love of the Lord Jesus for you remains the same. A living relationship with him is essential for each of us to flourish as disciples.

For various reasons, many people have not yet returned to attending Mass on Sunday. Some of these reasons predate the pandemic, others have arisen more recently. This card – a personal invitation from me – is being passed on to you because you are missed in your parish community. We would love to welcome you back to Mass. If there has been little contact from the church in recent months, please accept my apologies, particularly if you have struggled during the pandemic. You have been prayed for continually. We now have the chance to return to the Lord, to his church and to Sunday Mass.

On 5 June, the Church celebrated the great feast of Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is a feast of joy and renewal, sometimes called the church's birthday. I invite you to return to church, to rekindle your relationship with those who gather, Sunday by Sunday, so that, together, we can worship through the celebration of Eucharist.

I want you to know you are missed, you are loved, and you are appreciated; and we would love to see you back again. Please come and join us again.

With my prayers and blessing

Yours sincerely in Christ



The Most Reverend John Wilson
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