

# Parish Volunteer Program - lending a helping hand to those in need

Parishes and CatholicCare working together to support isolated and vulnerable parishioners and the local community.

Call CCareline to find out more

**CCareline 131819**

CatholicCare.org

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🕒 8am – 6pm Monday – Friday

## CatholicCare and Parishes working together

The CatholicCare team here in Sydney Archdiocese sends you all our prayers especially as we move into this very extraordinary and uncertain time – that the certainty of Christ's resurrection, renews hope, increases our faith and ignites our courage to face the challenges yet to come.

Over the coming months CatholicCare will be working with parishes across the Archdiocese of Sydney. Together we can support the most vulnerable and isolated in our communities.

CatholicCare as the Social Service Agency of the Sydney Archdiocese is committed to supporting the new Parish Volunteer Program – helping parishes help those in need:

- Our CCareline service on 13 18 19 is available Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm for advice and help finding help with relationships, parenting, aging, disabilities, addictions and mental health
- The CCareline 13 18 19 number is available for anyone to call if they are worried about a parishioner or member of the community who may be isolated and in need of assistance
- CatholicCare will be sending out regular helpful communications to parishes, parish volunteers and others through the Sydney Archdiocese including:
  - A monthly wellbeing zoom catch up for all involved in the Parish Volunteer Program
  - Regular updates, good news stories and information which can be placed in your Parish Newsletter, on your website and in your social media posts.

So far we have had over 20 parishes respond to Archbishop Fisher's call for volunteers and we are in the midst of contacting each Volunteer Coordinator and Volunteer.

We have also had a number of people call CCareline offering their time and talents to serve on the Parish Volunteer Program.

If you would like to volunteer, now is the time.

We look forward to working with more parishes as we move deeper into this uncertain time, making sure that the most vulnerable in our community are not forgotten or alone.

Please feel free to contact us for any questions, comments or feedback on 13.18.19 or email [connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org)

*Our Lady of the Southern Cross; pray for us.*

