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1	Perhaps ask them about barriers. e.g. do they need transport?Are there parishioners who would be prepared to "buddy" an elderly person. i.e. visit them, take them to mass etc.	We need to look for ways to take the parish to the missing rather than the other way around. For example the parish could have a table, display and parish leaders at school galas or other relevant events outside "church"
2	Making our elderly feel more included in the lives of the children help both the ageds and the young. A form of combining rituals that both can be included in and relate with each other could be a good start.	I recently spoke to a young gang member who was asking me to tell the young kids about a bbq they were putting on at Delaney park for the hungry kids whose parents are ?????? If they can do it why can't we with our many resources? Maybe having something monthly at Speldhurst park/Delaney park where we could feed or/and play with the youth? We could encourage our parishoners to be involved with the marae and the different services and opportunities it offers. There is a Maori language class held every Friday night of term time that has been running for more than 40 years in our valley and at the marae. We have been invited on a number of occassions to be involved with things at the marae and have always failed to be involved. We need to step up and learn how we can be of assistance to each other and to the youth of our parish that are so disadvantaged and marginalised.
4	A group of people committed to visit elderly in their home or in the Home they are in. Maybe a buddy system and people can commit to visiting two people they are buddied with.	Three or four times a year a letter drop - personal invitation - to celebrations in the liturgical year. A banner outside the Church or on our notice board on Fergusson Drive. A special welcome to them at the service - without singling anyone out. Christmas service - just a warm welcome. Sometimes people are coming in the door either for the first time or first time for many years - let's warmly welcome them. This is the first step.
4	Establish a visiting group to those housebound.	*By getting together socially more frequently. * Pot luck meals, picnics, a range of movie nights. Fun afternoons for families and friends. *Include an option for volunteers in the talents questionnaire.
1	First of all ascertain from them if there are any ways that younger and perhaps more able bodied parishioners could assist them in being able to participate in a more meaningful way.	The Mass needs to be made more appealing to people.Perhaps Mass times may have to be revisited.
4	ck availability of retired community nurse to provide better contact and requirements of their needs.	i think we do a good job with mens group , womens circle of friendship, CWL, promoting them to a higher degree would be helpful maybe

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5	Visiting , offering transport if necessary, an occasional visit by priest inviting them to monthly healing Mass. our priest be encouraged to always use the Lecturn when talking to parishioners. Last Sunday in Stokes Valley Father used the Lecturn when r	Fr make a point of inviting new comers to the Pettit Centre for cup of tea and those who usually go to Petit.Centre be aware of any new comers inviting them to join their table to make them feel welcome
5	I think we do a great job of supporting the elderly in our parish	Again, social events....
5	By having people visiting the elderly.	By encouraging current Parishioners to bring others along.
4	The elderly can feel isolated when they are no longer able to get to mass. The ministers who take communion to the home bound and the St Vincent de Paul members do great work in ensuring the links with the parish are maintained and their presence contri	The current scandals in the church do not help draw people back to the church. The return of 'the missing' I think needs a personal approach to join with other people who have similar beliefs or where they can play a part in the community or can respond to a need. Those who do not practise will however help with tasks needed at school, or if approached by individuals they know to come to a function or help out or take an elderly relation to church. We need to keep up our own personal relationships with people who are no longer churchgoers and be bold enough to invite them to something they may enjoy or ask for help at the school or church. Whether or not they currently practice, people remain generous and often are just waiting to be asked. The thing is not to overwhelm them with too much work and to thank them for their efforts.
3	As mentioned above once the volunteer group have identified what our elderly parishioners want, we can start a programme to address and implement as a parish.	We could start with Parish database, personally reaching out to every parishioner, asking them what are the three most important things they want from our Parish and if these are being met or not. If not, what would like to see happen
3	Who are they? Where do they live? Visit them	Offer a decade of the rosary for family or person you know who has left and call them occasionally
3	Dependant on A1 and B1 and B2	Dependant on A1 and B1 and B2
4	I believe the elderly are already taken care of by visitors and Eucharist .	Similarly as in D previous, future generations start with our youth. The 'missing' is a problem and is not easy to solve. They will have their 'reasons' for being away from the Church and praying for them would help pastor to perhaps identify and visit?
5	Not sure who is visiting the shut ins (elderly) apart from regular Eucharist visits. Perhaps a roster of folk so not left to a few (St V de P know)	Supporting people who have had a bereavements who don't always return to church alone. Offers from friends, acquaintances to meet them and sit with them

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5	The older person finds it difficult to broach what they see as a barrier in returning to services. This is especially so for those who have lost a partner who may have been the 'lead'. A personal invitation to a non-aggressive event would be good first mo	For our Parish use a neutral venue, such as St Patrick's College on weekends or holidays which is eminently suitable for large indoor and outdoor activities. Non-aggressive events such as picnics, funny money, evenings, Melbourne Cup, a programme of display of parishioners talents and cultural diversity -this could include song and dance - a pet show. One could include a 'ringer' or two as MC or as seen fit. Imagination is the only limitation. This type of activity is inclusive of age To rate importance need house in order first before expansion can be considered - all have urgency and all run into one another.
3	Encourage elderly to let it be known if they would like an occasional visitor	We could use name tags and encourage all to talk with someone they don't know.
3	Keep in touch with elderly and lonely through home visits in your area.	Our various cultures need to make a great effort to mix
3	Offer Sunday transport to mass. Promote the Living Water cafe. Make the cafe more reliable on Sundays. Every 4th or 5th cafe seems not to happen. Give people name stickers to wear at these cafe events. A central group in the parish know each other well, b	Advertise the living water cafe as a free sunday community event in people's letter-boxes once per month. Call for volunteers to delivery them within a one or two km radius around the church. Offer free pick-ups (many elderly non-mass goers in the community do not have easy transport), and call on volunteers to do the free pick-ups immediately after mass (with name tags :-). Advertise these cafes as separate from the mass. Outside the mass. Mass is a very specialized thing for non-church-goers. They fear it. Lonely people would love to come and have a coffee tho. Their involvement in the mass will happen when they are ready - but there is no chance of it happening if we do not see them at all :-)
5	Family Groups, CWL, Mens and Women's groups with personal invitations and offers of transport. Group members to visit for care and friendship.	Family Groups!
3	Invite them to Passionist Group events and visit them in Care Facilities at least once a year.	Witnessing provides sharing of experiences profound or otherwise - this is about variety and showing how the spirit is relevant today as it was in the apostles' time.
1	I am unsureof what level or activities the elderly currently have and attend	This could become more difficult if we are to lose a church as we may also lose some of the community. Having an integrated community with projects or shared interests perhaps?

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5	Obviously we need to be mindful of our elderly and their dignity and not to come of condescending when we approach them on how we can help them. I think starting off with a hello and making ourselves known to them is the best way and as we get to know the	I don't think we should be seeking out the missing. But if we develop and grow as a Parish with the parishioners we have we will soon see the missing and even the new be drawn back to the church. I feel we need more time to interact with our faith community outside Mass so we can share life together. Yes, for many they would say that it's my life and no one has any business knowing my business but as a faith community we need to make known that if a brother/sister in our community is in need we have to be prepared to be there for them in the best way we can. It's all about creating relationships and we can't do that 1hour on a Sunday, so we need to have groups within our Parish that is able to support different needs of our parishioners and you'll then soon see the joy in the people and soon that will infect others and people who are missing see the change in us as a community and want that joy that we have. But to be able to seek the lost we need to find ourselves first and have a vision. If we don't have a vision as a Parish the people will perish, it's truth!!! We just need to be a people of faith who is open to everyone and to know that they are loved here in our Parish. It shouldn't be a "on the surface" hello but that hello should be a heartfelt hello and that we truly mean to welcome every single person who sets foot in our churches and when they leave they know that they were welcomed and felt the spirit of God in all who gather to worship together.
4	visits taking out	We need to look at other churches to see have they are succeeding
5	My mother was a long time parishioner of this parish. In her last few years she became frail. NOT once was she visited with communion. Apparently she was not on the parish roll. I do not understand this response, as she was still contributing a weekly	When I started coming back to the church, I offered to help with a group for connecting catholics to the faith. I was rung by a Heretaunaga person and was told that a committee had discussed me and concluded that I was ` NOT CATHOLIC ENOUGH AND I HAD ISSUES WITH MY FAITH'. To hear that from people that had never met me is a disgrace. To top it off, I was told to perhaps join the church (another domination) near my home. This also led to me pulling out of the Family Group as those people were in it. I have recently returned to our church as I have not lost my faith; and I continue to pray that OUR parish will stop being exclusive and instead start being inclusive.
3	Encourage car pooling or offer lifts for people to join the existing group	Home visit Catholics no longer attending mass

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3	Ask for volunteers to visit our Parish elderly regularly	Engage the youth of the Parish Seek their input more (they are the future)
3	Most of the Parish is elderly	Pray for more vocations so that local areas may have their own parishes to better develop relationships between parishioners
1	Occasional healing Mass in the church, ie St Francis Xavier). People feel uncomfortable going to Stokeswood as they fell it is somone else's home	Special events combing both church groups
5	Have people involved in visiting neighbours who are on their own and take them to supermarkets, or actually picking up groceries	Would like to encourage Stokes Valley and Heretaunga to meet socially as per birthday picnic on common ground (get to know). Find out who are new families and welcome them personally at Mass. Just 'We welcome new parishioners or visitors today' at the beginning of Mass. Welcome them to morning tea at the Pettit Centre, even give them a name badge as other churches do.
5	Elderly can be socially isolated- I am not sure how to help.	Keep asking for parish feedback. Offer a shorter mass in the evening? Remind them that they are loved.