

HIBISCUS CATHOLIC PARISH 2019

THE MINISTRY OF TAKING COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSE BOUND

As at the end of June 2019, we were taking Holy Communion, weekly, to 50 people who could not attend Mass regularly. All were restricted either because they were ill or their condition prevented them one way or another from attending.

This ministry was carried out by 16 people and we have four who are “awaiting” and will be allocated someone to visit when another need arises.

The people we attended to were either:

- retired and in some form of village or home specifically for the elderly; or
- housebound and either living by themselves or with a partner;

As far as we can tell there were 16 institutions comprised of either retirement villages or rest homes in our parish area with two more either planned or under construction.

As in the past, there are two points that are of concern for our Parish:

- we need to be aware that the number of our parishioners who are elderly, is growing quite quickly;
- that this geographic area seems to attract housing development, which in itself brings a greater population, and in turn will increase our house bound population;

Finally we say that this ministry is answering the call that Jesus offered to us when he said “Love one another”. For us to answer this call there is one vital ingredient needed. There needs to be someone that is wanting Holy Communion brought to them. That person is necessary so that the call can be answered. For this Ministry to be successful, the sick or home bound people, are just as important as the people taking Holy Communion to them.

Many many thanks to all of those in this ministry.

Also thanks to those people who we visit, it is a privilege to be part of their lives.

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