

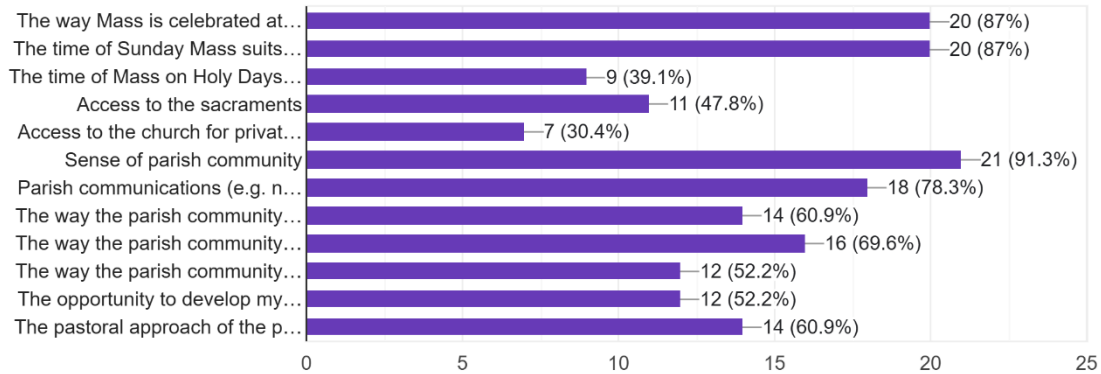
Summary of questionnaire responses

Regular parishioners

There were 23 respondents to this survey

1. What do you value about parish life? (tick all that apply)

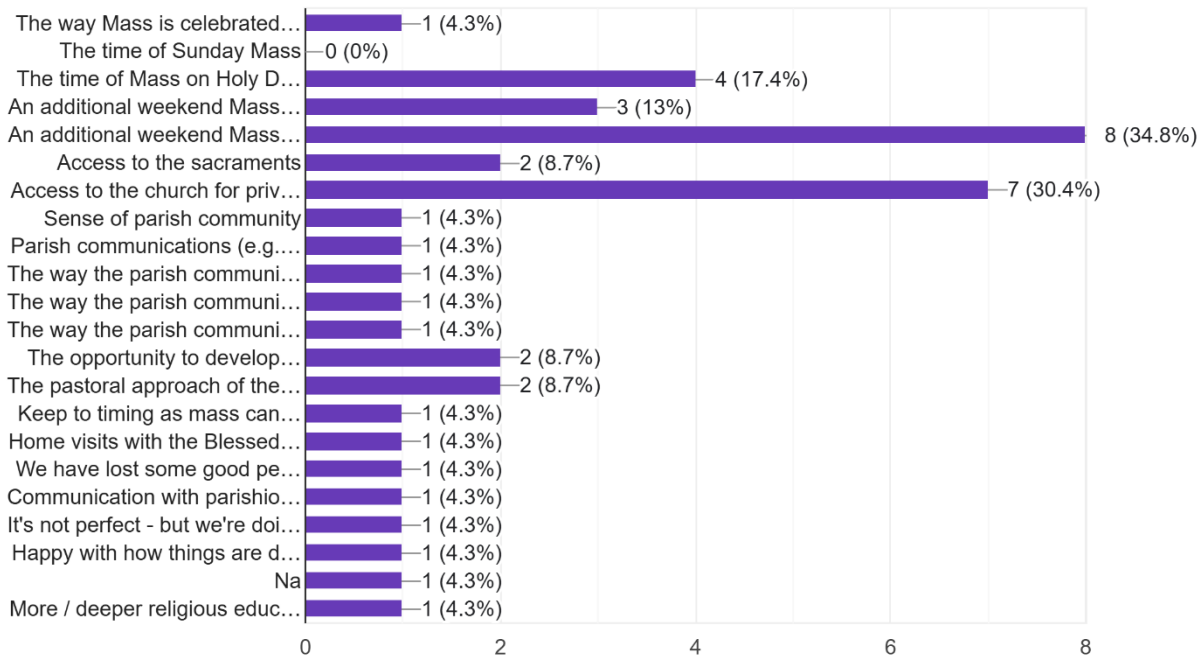
23 responses



What do you value about parish life?	No. in agreement	% respondents
Sense of parish community	21	91%
The way Mass is celebrated at Blessed Hugh Faringdon	20	87%
The time of Sunday Mass suits me	20	87%
Parish communications (e.g. newsletter, email list, website)	18	78%
The way the parish community serves the wider community	16	70%
The way the parish community works with other Christians in Faringdon	14	61%
The pastoral approach of the parish priest	14	61%
The way the parish community serves the wider world	12	52%
The opportunity to develop my understanding of the faith further	12	52%
Access to the sacraments	11	48%
The time of Mass on Holy Days of Obligation suits me	9	39%
Access to the church for private prayer	7	30%

2. What do you think could be improved (tick all that apply)

23 responses



What do you think could be improved?	No. in agreement	% respondents
An additional weekend Mass on Saturday evening (Vigil Mass)	8	35%
Access to the church for private prayer	7	30%
The time of Mass on Holy Days of Obligation	4	17%
An additional weekend Mass on Sunday evening	3	13%
Access to the sacraments	2	9%
The opportunity to develop my understanding of the faith further	2	9%
The pastoral approach of the parish priest	2	9%
The way Mass is celebrated at Blessed Hugh Faringdon	1	4%
Sense of parish community	1	4%
Parish communications (e.g. newsletter, email list, website)	1	4%
The way the parish community serves the wider community	1	4%
The way the parish community works with other Christians in Faringdon	1	4%
The way the parish community serves the wider world	1	4%
The time of Sunday Mass	0	0%
Keep to timing as Mass can run over past 11am	1	4%
Home visits with the Blessed Sacrament when housebound.	1	4%
We have lost some good people from the parish as they felt their work was not valued	1	4%
Communication with parishioners who do not have internet access.	1	4%
More / deeper religious education for children (at times other than during mass)	1	4%
It's not perfect - but we're doing ok.	1	13%*
Happy with how things are done	1	
N/A	1	

Highlighted responses are those added by the respondents.

* as these three responses are basically the same (satisfied with how things are), they have been summed to give the % who feel like there is nothing requiring improvement (13%).

3. Would you be prepared to be more involved in the ministries of the parish

19 responses



Would you be prepared to be more involved in the ministries of the parish	No. respondents	%
No, I would like to but do not have the time *	10	43%
Yes, catechesis & children's liturgy	2	9%
Yes, altar service	1	4%
Yes, supporting charities in the parish	1	4%
Yes, flowers and cleaning the church	1	4%
Yes, refreshments after Mass	1	4%
Yes, youth group	1	4%
The love for the Holy Rosary	1	4%
	1	4%
No, I do not feel welcome to	0	0%

Highlighted responses are those added by the respondents.

* Several respondents added in responses to the effect that they are already involved in several ministries and cannot do more. These responses have been summed with those who ticked "No, I would like to but do not have the time".

It is nice to see that nobody was not involved because they did not feel welcome to.

4. Is there anything else you would like to tell us? 7 responses

- People are made to feel welcome and you do feel part of the community. This is very much been led by Fr Claro and fed down. He wants people to be involved.
- Yes, how to enter and leave God's House.
- I think the congregation are too overwhelmed by the sung Gloria to join in.
- No thank you.

- I would respectfully suggest a more flexible, thorough and inclusive approach to the organisation of the Parish Choir, particularly in its role of preparing the Liturgy and selecting appropriate hymns, recognising the Choir as a key liturgical ministry within the Parish. In addition, there may be scope to strengthen and further develop our Bible Study approach. I would also propose that greater encouragement be given to in-person parish prayer and Bible study groups — such as Rosary prayer evenings and face-to-face Bible study sessions — to support parishioners who are unable to participate in online groups. Furthermore, the Parish Evangelisation Cell System (PECS) could be more strongly promoted, alongside a renewed encouragement of wider parishioner participation in parish life. This would include welcoming and inviting new members, thereby fostering growth and vitality within our church community. It is worth noting, with due pastoral sensitivity, that recent communications have indicated that where church communities continue to decline rather than grow, some parishes may in future be required to close or be merged with neighbouring parishes. This underlines the importance of intentional evangelisation, active participation, and sustained prayer as we seek to strengthen and renew our parish life. Finally, I would suggest that prayer for new vocations to the religious life be actively and consistently encouraged across the parish. Thank you very much for your kind consideration.
- I really value the cultural diversity Father Claro bring to the church, I feel part of a world wide Catholic Church, not just limited to Faringdon
- Either a Vigil Mass or a Sunday evening Mass would be helpful sometimes, but isn't vital as these are available in other local parishes.