



Meeting at St John's, 18 January 2022

Being Catholic is very special. I realised that this is where I wanted to be.

Walk into a Catholic church anywhere and you feel part of that community. I feel at home – it feels special.

The parish gives me a sense of community. It hurts to hear dissension though.

It's like being in a different world. None of our family practise but we will ask them to light candles for us if they find themselves in a church when on holiday.

When you're young you dream and prophecy as the reading says. When you get older you can only pray.

Even if you are born a Catholic you still have to learn to stand on your own two feet and live in the world.

We're called to a close relationship with the Lord. We must never give up.

We can pray for other people.

As a child I remember realising that not everyone was a Catholic and not everyone goes to church on Sunday.

We have to find new ways of being Church.

Covid has damaged our sense of community.

With Mass going online during the pandemic, I was able to make a pilgrimage to many different places around the world.

I have missed the parish community during the pandemic.

The shortage of priests, the lack of being able to go to Church sometimes – look at these from a positive point of view.

Look for positives and opportunities in everything.