A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Parish Survey Results — Thank You

Why We Listened

The past four years have brought real change and challenge to our community. On 23–24 May, the Leadership Team asked every parishioner to share where they're really at.

Thank You

We're deeply grateful to everyone who responded. Your honesty has given us a much clearer picture of our demographics, our faith life, and how connected you feel to your parish.

What Happens Next

This is our first survey in some time, and we've learned a great deal. The findings will help our leadership, finance, and ministry teams serve you better — key results are on the next page and in today's newsletter insert.

Read the Full Report

The complete results, and how we've linked them to the parish goals shared earlier this year, are now on the parish website — the link is in today's newsletter for anyone who'd like to explore further.

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"Our Lady of the Plains Catholic Parish strives to support and strengthen our communities in holiness while proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ."

— Our Parish Vision

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Thank You, Our Lady of the Plains!

What Your Voice Told Us — 2026 Parish Survey Results

In May, 431 of you shared your experience of faith and life at OLOTP. Your honesty gave us a clear picture of our parish today — and six shared priorities to help us grow together.

431	86%	30%	52%	47%
Respondents	Attended Mass Last Sunday	Invited Someone	Daily Devotion	Volunteer in the Community

EVERY PRIORITY AHEAD CONNECTS TO ONE OF OUR FOUR PARISH GOALS

Evangelise

Prayer & Holiness

Service

Communication & Engagement

"We are a welcoming community of disciples, growing in faith, serving one another and the world."

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Six Ways We're Moving Forward — Together

Your feedback points to six shared priorities, each connected to one of our parish goals.

1. Grow Through Evangelisation

GOAL · Evangelise

Welcoming newcomers warmly and building a culture of inviting others to Mass.

2. Deepen Faith Formation

GOAL · Prayer & Holiness

More ways to turn personal prayer into shared learning — like Alpha and OCIA.

3. Develop Future Parish Leaders

GOAL · Service

Growing new leaders now, so our ministries thrive for years to come.

4. Invest in Families & Young People

GOAL · Communication & Engagement

Fresh, relevant faith experiences for children, youth, and families.

5. Build Community & Belonging

GOAL · Communication & Engagement

More chances to connect, and better care for those we haven't seen in a while.

6. Strengthen Stewardship

GOAL · Service

Encouraging everyone's generosity of time, talent, and treasure.

Thank you for being part of this journey of faith — watch upcoming newsletters as each priority takes shape.