

FAITH FEELS LIKE HOME

By Bill Pugh

An old lady lived just off the highway midway between the Catholic and Uniting churches.

Nobody knew how old she was, but she was nearly blind and not hearing well.

She could not go anywhere.

Meals came via the hospital kitchen, but somehow she arranged for visits from Father Gerry and me.

Nobody knew whether she was a Catholic or Protestant but it didn't matter.

The church came to her with fellowship and spiritual presence and she gave us a sense of mission.

Reflection:

In today's world busyness has taken over. There is little time to organise a pastoral visit at home. But we need to bring the human side of our pastoral carers into everyday life outside the formality of Sundays.

She could not come to us physically, but we came to her in person with friendship and with spiritual help.

In my home many years ago the minister was a frequent visitor.

We sat with him and mum for afternoon tea and a prayer, in our best clothes until we were dismissed to play outside.

We once thought him a bit stuffy in his gown and white collar in church but at home he came across as not a bad bloke.

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