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## **Going to Church this Easter and want to learn more? Dial 1300-4-FAITH**

Easter is traditionally a time when churches are at their fullest and for those who might attend a Catholic Church this Easter and seek to learn more about the Catholic Faith, help is at hand simply by dialling 1300-4-FAITH.

The toll-free number has been set up by the Catholic Enquiry Centre as a direct and fuss-free way for people to obtain more information about the Catholic Church and what it means to be Catholic.

Chairman of the Bishops Commission for Mission and Faith Formation, Archbishop John Bathersby said everyone who visited a Catholic Church this Easter would be warmly welcome.

“Easter is the most important feast of the Christian calendar, commemorating the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It goes right to the heart of faith,” Archbishop Bathersby said.

“Every year we are heartened to see so many people coming to Church to take part in the various liturgies, especially on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

“But we are also aware that the great interest which people show in going to Church at Easter does not always carry over into regular attendance and into a deep and ongoing faith life.”

Archbishop Bathersby said many people who attend Church only at Easter and Christmas are Catholics who may have ceased to attend Mass regularly but who wish to retain a link with their faith. Others could be non-Catholics who are visiting the Church for the first time.

“We wish to warmly welcome all people who will come and pray with us this Easter and to invite them to either reconnect with their faith or to learn more about being a Catholic,” he said.

Director of the Catholic Enquiry Centre, Marita Winters said that by dialling the new, confidential, toll-free number 1300-4-FAITH (1300 432 484) people can obtain a series of pamphlets explaining the Catholic faith. Enquirers can also visit [www.catholicenquiry.com](http://www.catholicenquiry.com) or approach their local parish priest.

The Catholic Enquiry Centre is the faith outreach agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

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