

PROMOTING YOUR CARE GROUP **(Building Community)**

**Welcome
and
Opening Prayer**



Care and Concern Prayer

Father

You have loved us into life. Thank you for your presence among us and for the many blessings you have given us.

Jesus

You have asked us to see your face in those who need to experience your love in their lives.

Help us to walk in your footsteps as we use our gifts in service to others.

Holy Spirit

Grant us wisdom, strength and patience and fill us with your joy and peace in our Ministry of Care and Concern.

Amen



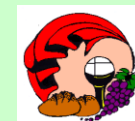
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Program



Workshop 1 - Co-Ordinators	10.15am -10.30am
Workshop 2 - Volunteers	10.30am -10.45am
Workshop 3 - Activities	10.45am -11.00am
Morning Tea	11.00am -11.30am
Workshop 4 - Publications	11.30am -11.45am
Conclusion	11.45am - 12.00noon



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Workshop 1 - Co-Ordinators	7.45pm - 8.00pm
Workshop 2 - Volunteers	8.00pm - 8.15pm
Workshop 3 - Activities	8.15pm - 8.30pm
Supper	8.30pm - 9.00pm
Workshop 4 - Publications	9.00pm - 9.15pm
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Workshop 1

How can Co-Ordinators meetings promote Care Groups?

What role can Co-Ordinators play in promoting Care Groups?



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- Agendas and minutes of meetings
- Invite representatives from other parish groups to meetings
- Invite the parish and assistant priest to meetings
- Invite pastoral worker to meetings
- Co-Ordinators social functions (shared meals/dining out with spouses and potential new co-ordinators)
- Succession planning (invite potential new co-ordinators to meeting)



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Workshop 2

How can Care Groups be promoted among Volunteers?



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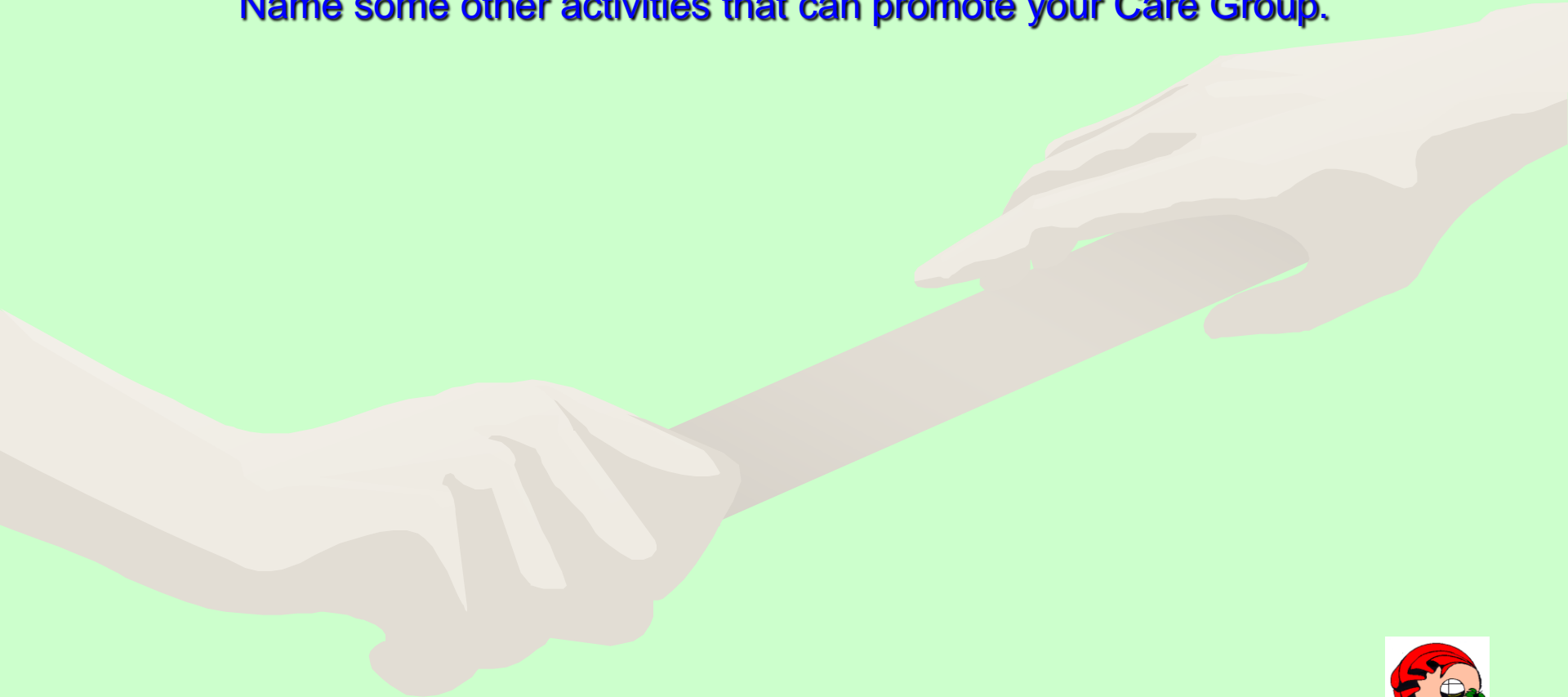
- Morning tea after Mass
- Sausage sizzles - wine and cheese nights
- Annual Thanksgiving Mass and social function
- Contact (personal visit and telephone)
- Recommitment Masses
- Orientation meetings for volunteers
- Annual Commissioning Mass with Blessing for Volunteers and Co-Ordinators



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Name some other activities that can promote your Care Group.



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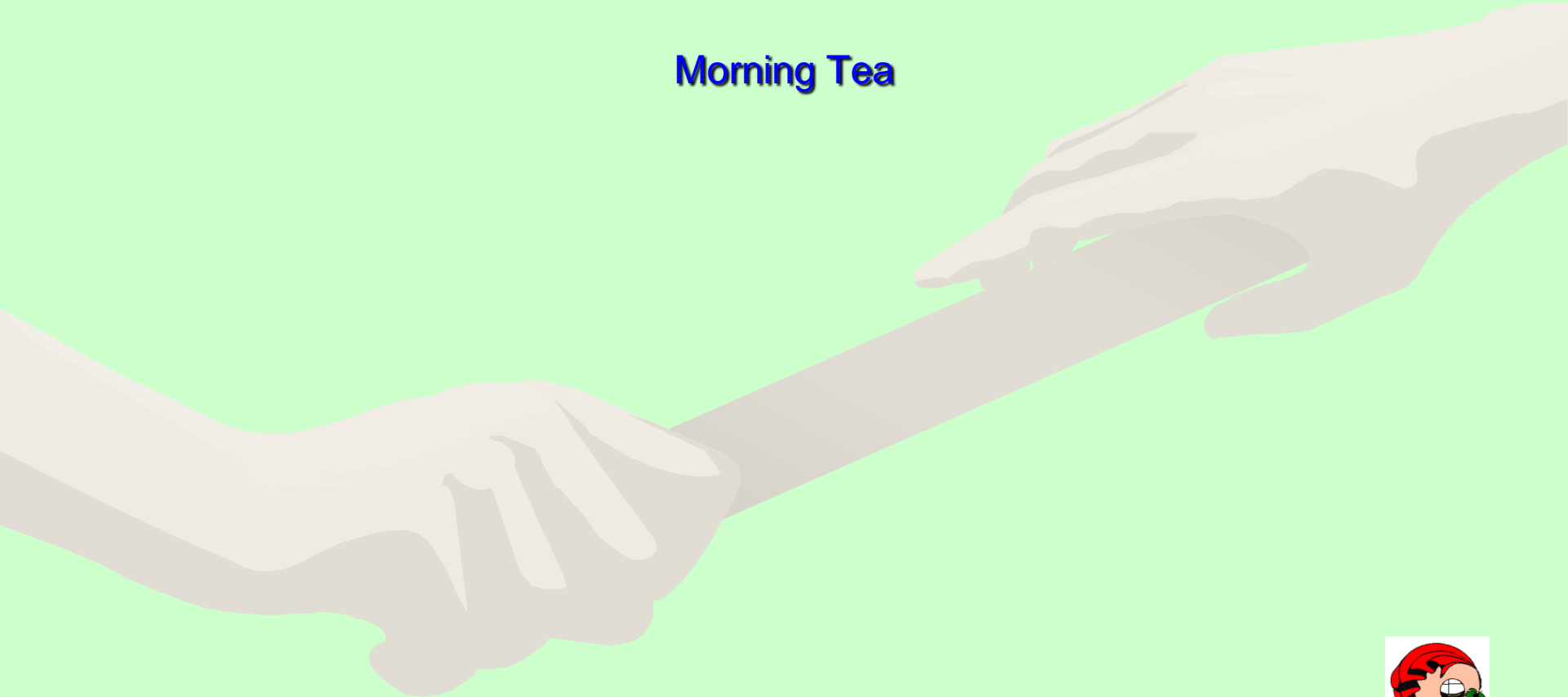
- Welcoming visits (by Co-Ordinator or volunteer) to new parishioners
- Bereavement support groups
- Discussion of Care group with Parish & School RE Classes
- Baptism cards
- Involvement in Parish activities (eg. fete stall, food fair)
- Involvement in Parish visitation by Bishop
- Fund raising ventures



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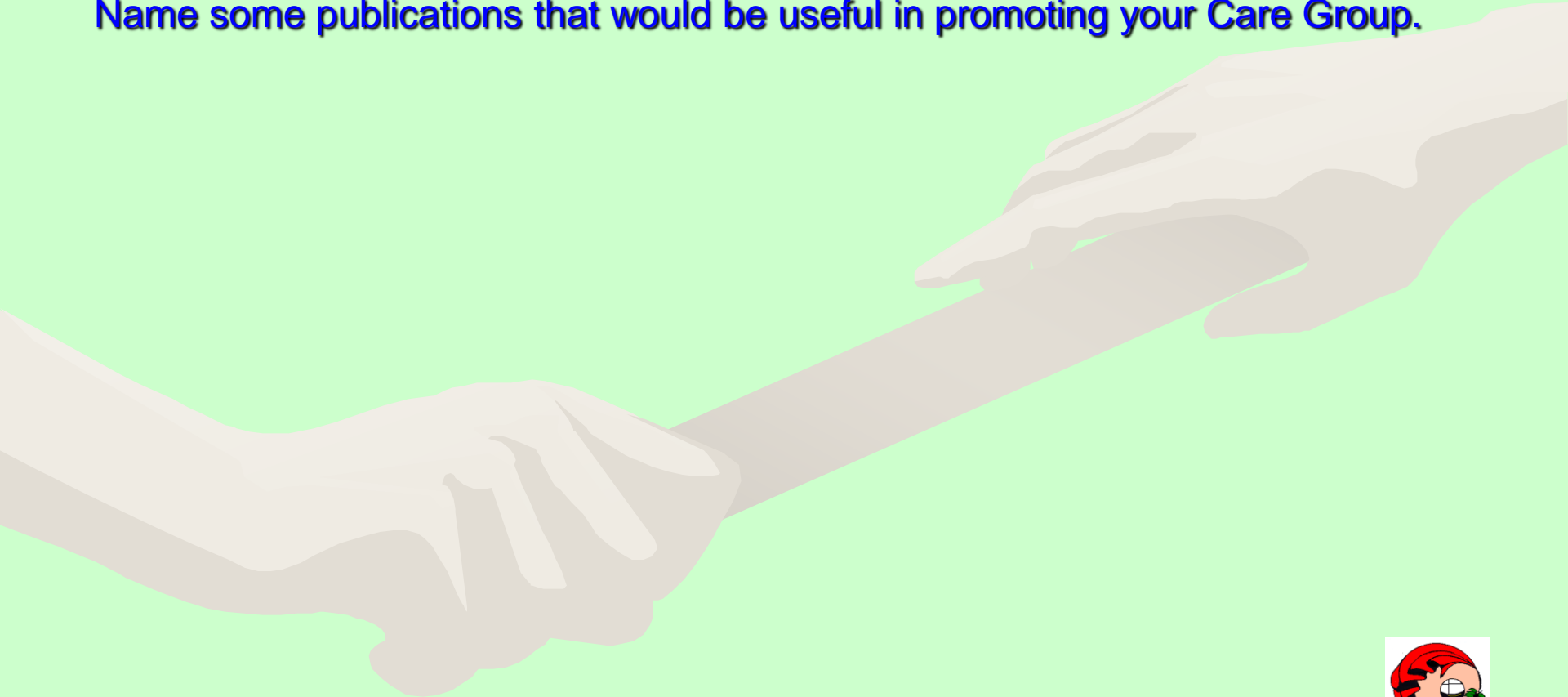
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Name some publications that would be useful in promoting your Care Group.



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- Poster
 - church/parish
 - school notice board
- Parish bulletin
 - weekly advertising of Co-Ordinators telephone numbers
 - quarterly feed back
 - Ad hoc special requests (eg transport volunteers)
- Calling card
- Brochure (with tear off for new volunteers and requests for help)
- Newsletter
- Advertisements in school newsletter
- Parish booklet or annual report
- Care Group logo and motto



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Conclusion

