



Our Lady Immaculate Church, Tolworth Children's Liturgy



Frequently asked questions about the Children's Liturgy

Why a Children's Liturgy?

The aim of the group is to provide the children with an adapted Liturgy of the Word during the 9am Mass on Sundays, in a context, which encourages them to listen, to pray and to respond to the word of God within a safe place.

Who is it for?

The Children's Liturgy is for all children aged between 4 and 8yrs (until children commence their First Holy Communion course).

How does it work?

The Children's Liturgy Group at Our Lady Immaculate is run by a group of parent volunteers. There are two Children's Liturgy groups – one for Year 2 and above and one for Year 1 and under. Each group has parent volunteers leading the Liturgy. The Sunday Gospel is the focus for both groups. The children are encouraged to listen to the word of God through prayer, silence and reflection. The children participate in discussion, followed by an activity arising from the Gospel, which is appropriate to the age of the relevant group.

When does it happen?

During term time at the 9am Mass on Sunday (excluding the last Sunday of each month and holy days). After the Penitential Rite, the Priest will invite the children to process with the group leaders to the RDJ room and the sacristy, where the Children's Liturgy will take place. The children return to the Church during the offertory hymn and show their art work to the Priest and congregation.

How can my child join in?

Arrive at Mass a few minutes before 9am and you will see that just inside the main entrance to the Church, there is a register where you register your child to attend the Children's Liturgy. There will be a parent volunteer there, who will show you where to enter your child's name and your name.

Do I need to fill in a form before my child can attend the Children's Liturgy?

No, but in the first instance, write your child's name and your name in the register (see above). You will be given a Registration Form to fill in. Once the form has been filled in and returned, your child's name will appear printed on the register, so you will only need to sign the box by their name next time you come to Mass.

What happens when my child goes for the first time?

Your child will be warmly welcomed. If they find it hard to settle, we are happy for parents to accompany them initially, but if it seems that the child is not going to settle easily, i.e. after 2 or 3 attempts, it may be best to wait a few months and then try again.

We are always looking for new volunteers. If you would like to become involved or have any further questions, talk to one of the Liturgy team. We are usually available inside the main entrance to the Church before the 9am Mass on Sundays.