



## 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. The focus is the Sunday Gospel, with the children 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.

#### When does it happen?

It happens during term time at the 9am Mass on Sunday. After the Penitential Rite, the Priest will invite the children to process with the group leaders to the RDJ room, where the Children's Liturgy will take place. The children return to the Church during the offertory hymn.

#### How can my child join in?

Please bring your child to the RDJ Room after the Penitential Rite. They will be warmly welcomed by the parent volunteers.

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

No form is required. A Register is taken every week. Bronze / Silver / Gold Certificates are given for 10 / 20 / 30 attendances in a school academic year.

#### 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 in the RDJ Room before the 9am Mass on Sundays.