

## Information for Parents

If you have any concerns regarding the safety and well-being of your child while he/she is involved in church activities, please contact the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:

Name: Marie Gormley

Tel: NI (028) 075 9650 0793/ROI (048) 075 9650 0793

OR contact Social Services:

Tel: NI (028) 71314090/ROI (074) 912 3770 or (074) 936 1044

## Helplines for Young People (N.I)

CHILDLINE: Free 24 hour helpline

Tel: 0800 1111

Website: [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

NSPCC: Helpline Tel: 0800 800 5000

Website: [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

Republic of Ireland:

ISPC: Tel: 1800 666666

## *Diocese of Derry*



## *Information & Guidance for Altar Servers*

## **Code of Conduct for Altar Servers**

### **Congratulations.**

**You have chosen to be an Altar Server in your parish and you now have a very important role to play. You will help the priest in the celebration of the Mass and other events, such as weddings, funerals, baptisms, Christmas, Lenten and Easter ceremonies.**

### **To make sure you do your job as well as you can, you should:**

- ✓ Always remember that you are in God's house.
- ✓ Show respect and behave well at all times.
- ✓ Be a good example to others and show reverence in the way you stand, sit or kneel and join in on the prayers and singing.
- ✓ Speak quietly and move gently on the altar and in the sacristy.
- ✓ Know your part. Attend the training sessions for the different ceremonies and learn what you have to do. If there is anything you do not understand, ask for an explanation.
- ✓ Treat other children and adults with kindness and patience.
- ✓ Get to know when you are serving Mass. Let your Parents know and make sure you can attend when needed.
- ✓ Send apologies in good time if you cannot attend.
- ✓ Sign in each time you serve Mass.
- ✓ Be on time (at least 10 minutes before Mass begins).
- ✓ It is important that you wait outside the sacristy door until the sacristan calls you in, as the Priest needs quiet time to prepare for Mass.
- ✓ Leave promptly after Mass.
- ✓ Make your own arrangements to get to and from Church safely.

**If you have any worries about your role as Altar Server, please speak to your parents who will contact the sacristan or Priest to discuss the matter. God bless you in your new role.**

## **Prayers for Altar Servers**



### ***Angel of God***

***Angel of God, my  
guardian dear,  
To whom God's love,  
commits me here.  
Ever this day be at my  
side  
To light and guard,  
To rule and guide,  
Amen.***

### ***Prayer to Jesus***

***Jesus, please help me  
to be a good altar server.***

