

Dear Parent/Guardian of Year 4 Pupils,

A Call for Altar Servers!

Thank you for your great commitment this last year in which your daughter/son took part in the Sacramental Programme and became a full member of the Catholic Church in receiving Holy Communion. By having your child baptised and then made a full member of the Church, you have given her/him the best possible start in life.

But it doesn't end here! The Church asks us to attend mass each Sunday (or Saturday evening) so we really do urge you to continue to make sure that your child attends.

At both Holy Family and Sacred Heart churches, we are inviting all children who have made their First Holy Communion to become altar servers. They will receive simple training after Sunday mass when we would like you to attend with them, so that they understand what they need to do and what commitment they are making. In particular they will need to commit to attending mass on a regular basis.

Experience shows us that children who serve on the altar really do deepen their relationship with God and grow in faith. It is a blessing to them, their families and to others.

If you would like your daughter/son to be an altar server, please could you attend with them as follows at one or other of the times below:

SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER AT 5.30 P.M. SACRED HEART CHURCH
(The children will be given basic instruction on serving for the 6.00 p.m. mass and will be invited join the other servers on the sanctuary.)

Or:

SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER AT 11.00 A.M. SACRED HEART CHURCH
(The children will be given basic instruction on serving for the 11.30 a.m. mass and will be invited join the other servers on the sanctuary.)

Even if your daughter/son does not want to be an altar server, it is still essential for their growth in faith that they continue to attend mass on a regular basis.

With thanks

Fr Michael Buckley, Fr Kevin Murphy