

# Your help is needed



We are very lucky with all the help we get from parishioners to help keep all aspects of the parish running. We are finding that many of our volunteers who have been doing things for a number of years are having to step down from these activities for a variety of reasons. That has meant that in some areas we have a critical shortage of help in the parish and we really need help. If you are able to volunteer even occasionally this will make a great difference. So we are appealing for you to look at what is needed and complete the form at the end offering your help.

**Altar linen washing and upkeep** – need to keep an eye on the linen used on the altars around the church, change it, wash and iron as required. *Occasional commitment*

**Altar serving and MC** – serving at Mass on a Sunday or during the week, MC (Master of Ceremony) – setting up for the Mass and supervising and supporting other altar servers. Training is provided for this. Without support in this area we may lose our Guild of Altar Servers which has been in place for 85 years this year. *Weekly Commitment* **Critical need**

**Candle stand cleaning** – cleaning the excess wax off the candle stands and emptying the wax from inside. Training provided. *Occasional commitment* **Critical need**

**Candle Wax removal** – ironing carpet with newspaper to soak up spilt wax around the Paschal candle and also wax removal from the floor around the votive candle stands in the side altars. *Occasional commitment*

**Children's liturgy** – helping on a monthly basis as a leader of the children's liturgy at the 10.30 Mass on a Sunday or as a helper to support the leader. Training is available. All materials required are provided. (Disclosure and Barring service checks are required for this role) *Monthly Commitment* **Critical need**

**Church Cleaning** – cleaning the church and porch areas on a Saturday or Monday as part of a small team, once a month, to ensure our church is beautiful for the Lord and those who come to worship. *Monthly Commitment* **Critical need**

**Counting collection Monday morning** – work as part of a small team once a month to count other monies (eg collection boxes, Mass stipends, record and bag up money ready for banking. *Three – Four weekly commitment* **Critical need**

**Newsletter editing and printing** - as part of a team compiling, editing and printing the weekly newsletter on the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month and holiday cover for other team members. *Occasional commitment*

**Parish Maintenance Team** – to help as a handy person as part of a team to maintain the church and hall. DIY experience helpful. *Occasional commitment*

**Sound system set up on Sunday** – to set up sound equipment for 10.30 and occasionally 5pm Mass and control sound output from main console. Training provided. *2-3 weekly commitment*

**Visiting housebound** – to visit housebound parishioners so they do not feel lonely and have contact with someone from the parish. *Occasional commitment*

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Please hand this in to the parish office or the Pastoral assistant

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I would like to offer help in the following way(s):

NAME:

TEL NO:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

Thank you for your offer of help. We really do value it.