

Understanding the Mass

Children's Liturgy

Each week, we are explaining the different parts of the Mass - what is in the church, what we use in the Mass, and why (and how) we celebrate Mass the way we do.

*Today our topic is the **Children's Liturgy**.*

The Liturgy of the Word with Children - often referred to as 'Children's Liturgy' - is a very common liturgical activity in Catholic parishes, offering our children the opportunity to participate in the Liturgy of the Word at an age-appropriate level.



The purpose of adapting the Liturgy of the Word for children is to lead them into full, conscious and active participation in the liturgy of the parish.

Christian communities discover and deepen their faith by sharing the stories of salvation proclaimed in the Holy Scriptures and relating them to their own lives and situations.

Stories are a way to everyone's heart and understanding; children especially become involved and enjoy stories of all types. The way in which we pass on Bible stories to children helps them to understand the meaning behind these stories. Other forms of the Children's Liturgy can include mime, drama, or song.

As we pray with the children during the Children's Liturgy, they also learn - they adopt pattern and structure naturally: the Sign of the Cross, intentions for prayer, and most of all silence are absorbed into the manner of praying.

Currently we have Children's Liturgy for primary school children at the 10.30am Mass at Saint John the Evangelist Church (Mill End) every Sunday during the school term, except on the third Sunday of the month.

Have you ever joined the Children's Liturgy before? _____

Would you be interested in joining the Children's Liturgy? _____

Note: If you would like to help with Children's Liturgy, or have your child join us, please contact the parish office for more information.