



What is the Result?

Through the Children's Liturgy the whole Parish Community, young and old, listen to the same message in God's Word. Together we understand how God speaks to us and how we can make this relevant to everyday life.

Sunday after Sunday, the young children in our Parish are made to feel an important part of our lives and our celebration of the Eucharist.

Without them, we are not complete.

Age and Times

The Children's Liturgy is aimed at the children of pre school and primary school age. If you are unsure that your child is the right age, go along on Sunday with your child and talk to someone from the team who will be pleased to help.

Books to Share

At the back of the church there are some children's Mass books, missals and bibles which you are welcome to borrow. Please remember to return them for others to use.

Can you Help?

The Children's Liturgy Team are always grateful for more help and participation from parents. If you would like more information about the Children's Liturgy or would like to help as a catechist, please contact:

Samantha (01275 856621)

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or speak to Fr Tom, Deacon Paul or Deacon Ivan.

Children's Liturgy

at

St Francis', Nailsea



"Let the Children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these" Luke Chap. 19 v15



“Children are natural celebrants. If we make for them the connection between what our adult eyes see and their time of ‘play’ ... they stand a good chance of developing a deep love and appreciation of the Eucharist”

Leslie Francis:

“The child and the Eucharist”



What is the Children's Liturgy?

The reading of the Word of God during Sunday Mass is an important celebration in which Jesus is still talking to us and proclaiming the GOOD NEWS.



The message of the Sunday Readings is often missed by young children because it is generally given in an adult language. To solve this problem St Francis' Parish has followed the recommendations in the Directory for Masses for Children.

At the 11am Mass in Nailsea, soon after the beginning of the Mass, the priest invites the children to come forward and join the Catechists (at least two each week) for their own Liturgy of the Word and explanation. Parents are very welcome to go along to ensure their children are settled and comfortable. You can then return to Mass if you wish.

In the hall, the Catechists use readings more suited to a child's grasp of language. The readings are normally based on the reading for Sunday in the official Lectionary of the Church.

Responding

The children gathered together respond to the reading in their own way. This is often by drawing a picture related to the readings or by discussion and the use of published work sheets and books designed especially for the Children's Liturgy.

The Parish Community

During the Offertory procession, the children rejoin their parents and the Parish Community in the church.

They usually present their work to the priest who welcomes their return.

Often children are invited to join the Priest and Servers around the Altar to say the Our Father.

At Communion time, children who have not yet made their First Communion, are encouraged to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing.

