

St John Evangelist Catholic School

Duncan Street
Islington
London N1 8BL

020 7226 1314
office@stjohnevangelist.islington.sch.uk
www.stjohnevangelist.islington.sch.uk



Dear Parents,

Congratulations on your child becoming an altar server!

We are delighted with the response of the children of our school and their attentive, joyful and prayerful participation in the rehearsals and the little serving they have managed to do so far. I am personally particularly struck by their spontaneity and desire to serve mass, which is indeed a beautiful gift from God that shows their love for him and the people around them.

As you know, they have started serving at school masses every Tuesday at 10:00am for their schoolmates and the parishioners who come to the weekday mass. However, the real deal, so to speak, is the Sunday mass! That means that we would like to see them, and indeed this is their wish as far as I can tell, as often as possible on a Sunday mass in our church! To make it easier for everyone, at least for now, we will not have a rota, so you are free to bring them to any of the Sunday masses (Sat 6:00pm, Sun 9:30am & 11:00am) according to your availability to build up a habit of serving at Sunday mass. Remember, come 15 minutes earlier so that they have the time to get ready in the sacristy. It is important that you bring them regularly as well, so that they can spiritually benefit from every mass, as well as build their confidence and, with time, learn new things in their service.

It goes without saying that having altar servers' presence elevates the liturgy significantly by making more solemn celebrations possible, helps people to actively participate in mass, and makes all the difference to the priest who relies on their help.

Each child has been assigned an Alb, which is the white dress they wear while performing the service. Having an Alb that is used by one child only helps them to take possession and appreciate the seriousness and gravity of what they do. For that reason, we would like every child to take their Alb home (that is to be arranged) so that it can be washed, ironed and returned to church where it is going to be stored- it this way it is every server's responsibility to take care of it and make sure they look presentable in church.

Thank you for supporting your children in this service! I am looking forward to seeing you on Sunday.

If you have any questions please feel free to email me on jakubjoszko@rcdow.org.uk

God bless,

Fr Jakub

