



COME AND SERVE

Could Jesus be asking you to be an Altar Server?

Registration is now open for teenagers and children wanting to become altar servers at the Saturday Vigil (5pm/6pm) Mass and the 10.00am Sunday Mass at St Mary's Church. If you have made your First Holy Communion and are in Yr 5 - Yr 12 at any school, this great opportunity might be for you.

What does it mean to be an altar server?

Altar serving is a great privilege and an important ministry in our parish, particularly for young people. An altar server assists the priest at Mass. This is a special way to serve God and his people. As an altar server, you will have new experiences, learn new skills, become more confident, and meet other young people. You will be given all the training and help you need and it's OK to make mistakes. During the school term you will be invited to altar server get-togethers to socialise and have fun. If you decide to have a go, you commit to serving two Sundays each month, and then after one year you can choose whether you want to continue. Right now, we are asking for altar servers for the 5.00pm (6.00pm Daylight Savings) Saturday Vigil Mass and 10.00am Sunday Mass at St Mary's Church.

Do you have what it takes to be an altar server?

An altar server is:

- a young person (male or female) in yr 5 - 12 who has made his/her First Holy Communion
- an enthusiastic young person eager to serve God and his people
- prayerful and respectful during Mass but sometimes nervous and makes mistakes
- unafraid to ask questions and to ask for help, and is willing to help others
- willing to learn from others and to do his/her best
- keen to work in a team with others and is willing to take instructions
- happy to wear neat and tidy clothing and appropriate footwear to Mass
- willing to commit to serving at two rostered Masses per month at St Mary's Church
- able to attend three training sessions before beginning service and occasional future sessions
- committed to arrive 15 minutes before the start and will let the parish know if he/she can't make it

Training Sessions

- First Session: 2.00-3.30pm Sunday 12 March at St Mary's
- Second Session: 2.00-3.30pm Sunday 19 March at St Mary's
- Third Session: 2.00-3.30pm Sunday 26 March at St Mary's
- Commissioning Mass: 10.00am Sunday 2 April at St Mary's for all servers



Altar Server Form

Saturday Vigil & 10.00am Sunday Mass at St Mary's Church



RETURN THIS FORM BY WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH TO THE PARISH OFFICE OR YOUR TEACHER IF YOUR SCHOOL IS MCAULEY OR ST MARY'S, OR EMAIL A COPY TO OFFICE.ORANGE@CDOB.ORG.AU

Altar Server Information and Declaration

Full name of altar server: _____

Year level at school: _____

School: _____

Postal Address: _____

Family Phone: _____

Family Email address: _____

Circle your Mass time: Saturday Evening (6pm/5pm in Daylight Savings) OR 10.00am Sunday

I would like to be an altar server at St Mary's Church because I really want to help serve God and his people. I agree to attend the three training sessions and I will arrive to my rostered Mass at least 15 minutes early. I will be respectful and follow instructions. I will work with the other servers as a team. I will be neat and tidy and wear appropriate shoes for serving. I have celebrated my First Holy Communion. I am making this commitment for one year.

Altar Server Signature

Date Signed

Parent/Legal Guardian Permission and Commitment

I give permission for my son/daughter to be an altar server at a weekend Mass at St Mary's Church. I will be encouraging and will assist my son/daughter to arrive at the rostered Mass at least 15 minutes before start time. I understand this commitment is usually two weekends per month and I will inform the parish or arrange a swap if our family is unable to attend a rostered Mass. I will facilitate my son/daughter attending the three training sessions prior to commencing service.

At the final training session on Sunday 26 March we will have pizza. Do you give permission for your son/daughter to participate? Please write 'yes' or 'no' below and indicate any dietary requirements.

Is there anything else we need to know? _____

Print name of Contact Parent/Legal Guardian

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature