



St Mary Magdalen’s Children’s Liturgy – Registration Autumn 2023



A warm welcome from the Children’s Liturgy team to what we hope can be a return to part of our children’s ministry, where families from the Parish help to lead the “Liturgy” – the scriptures and teaching of the Church at a level appropriate to the ages of our children. Please find below some key information about the Children’s Liturgy at St Mary Magdalen, together with our registration slip. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Fr Adrian via Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk

What is the Children’s Liturgy, when does it run and who should attend?

- The Children’s Liturgy is a continuation of the celebration of Mass.
- If we have enough volunteers we hope that it will run on most Sundays during term time at the 9.30 a.m. Mass. Generally the children remain in the Church on the fourth Sunday of every month for a 45 minute “Children’s Mass”.
- Pre-school children and all school-age children who have not yet prepared for their First Holy Communion are invited to attend – if we have enough volunteers separate sessions can be run for each of the two age groups.

Are parents/carers required to attend?

- In the case of the pre-school group, yes
- School-age children are encouraged to remain on their own, although parents/carers are asked to record their child’s name on the ‘Welcome Sheet’ and can accompany them throughout, if felt necessary.
- The Safeguarding of everyone is paramount, so we ask that our adult leaders and helpers have a DBS certificate via the Diocesan Safeguarding Office

Who runs the sessions?

- You (the parents and carers of the Parish) run the sessions with material from Fr Adrian
- We rely entirely on members of the Parish, particularly those with children attending the Children’s Liturgy, to run the sessions.
- We have a wonderful group of volunteers, but **urgently need more leaders**.
- Leading sessions is stimulating, rewarding and a great way to meet other parents and families – all our volunteers are on hand to provide guidance, so please do ask if you need any help or support.

How many volunteers are needed and how often will I be asked to help?

- Ideally, one parent or carer from each family must be a leader or helper.
- Volunteers will be added to a rota, participating around once every month (less if we have more helpers).
- As a minimum, we ask that each volunteer helps at least once a term.

Please complete and **return the slip below to The Parish Office**, to enrol your child/children in Children’s Liturgy this summer and for the academic year commencing September 2023.

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the sessions!
NB we have to keep a record of those adults and children present at each session, but this is only for Safeguarding and Health and Safety purposes

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Parent(s) name(s) _____

Telephone number _____

Email address _____

Name of child _____ DOB _____

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Special needs (if any, please specify which child) _____

I prefer to be a leader helper (please circle one)