

Ministers of the Eucharist– From Pentecost 27th May 2012

- Arrive at Church no later than 10 minutes before Mass
- Dress smartly and appropriately for a special occasion (no shorts)

Before Mass

- Check that the Key is in the Tabernacle
- Check that all Ministers have arrived – if a Minister is Missing 5 minutes before Mass, search for a replacement from the Church.
- Be ready to move into the Priests Sacristy for Prayer

Masses with no Altar Servers

- Em1 will Carry the Cross in the Entrance Procession
- Em2 will assist at the Offertory. First take the two chalices and place them on the Altar. Then move and stand beside the Priest and receive the gifts he offers you to carry to the Altar. Place them on the Corporal. Return to the Credence table take the jug of water to the Priest. Take the water and wine cruet to the credence table and return to the Altar with the bowl of water and towel. Return to your place.

Masses with Altar Servers

- Em1, Em2, Em3 & Em4 will walk in the entrance procession behind the Altar Servers, then the Readers and finally the Celebrant.

Distribution of Communion

- At the sign of peace,(offer the sign of peace to your family and those around you) then the ministers will approach the sanctuary. Em1 will wash hands and move straight to the Tabernacle to collect the Ciborium and place on the Corporal on the Altar with the lids off. Then rejoin the other Ministers off to the side of the Altar.
- Em 2, Em3 & Em4 will wash hands and wait at a distance from the Altar until the priest has consumed the Body and Blood of Christ, then move to the Altar where the priest will give you Communion under both species.

At the conclusion of Distribution of Communion the minister will move through the Church and make sure that the frail / wheelchair people have received the Body of Christ. Make sure that the musician / choir have also had a chance to receive Communion.

Ministers of the Ciborium

- **Return your Ciborium to the Altar to allow the priest to gather the remaining hosts. Em1 will remain in the sanctuary and assist the priest with returning the Ciborium to the Tabernacle. If no Altar Server Em2 will bring the water jug to the Altar.**

Ministers of the Chalice

- **At the conclusion of Communion, consume what is left in your chalice. If you are unable to, ask one of the other ministers. Place your chalice back on the Altar for the priest to purify. Em2, Em3 & Em4 return to your seats.**

Em1 will assist the priest and return all vessels to the credence table, once the priest has finished purifying.

- **All Em's join in the procession at the end of Mass.**
- **Em3 & Em4 at the conclusion of Mass will wash the vessels in hot soapy water in the back sacristy. Then return all vessels to the priest's sacristy.**

If you are not available at your rostered time, please arrange a replacement. A list of contact numbers will be issued to you, do not ring the parish office. If you misplace your list send an email to the office and a replacement list can be issued to you.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to this Ministry.