

# Newsletter

September 2025

## for altar servers

*Dear server,*

During my recent pilgrimage to Rome, I was honoured to meet **Pope Leo** (*below*). I assured him of the affection and prayers of you, the young people of the Archdiocese.



Archbishop Leo meets Pope Leo.

The Pope himself was an altar server. He has spoken of what a privilege it is to serve, and so to be close to Jesus, our best friend.

Our **Altar Servers' Day** is on **Saturday 13 September** and **YOU** are invited. The day will be extra special because we will be in the presence of the holy relics of Carlo Acutis, who is to be made a saint! During his short life, Carlo served at Mass and grew closer to Jesus present in the Eucharist.

So, continue serving well at Mass, spend time with Jesus and grow closer to our living Lord and friend.

+ Leo



Carlo Acutis is to become a saint.



Our **Altar Servers' Day** is on Saturday 13 Sep 2025, 11am to 3pm at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. Speak to your priest to register.

## Get inspired by Carlo at our Altar Servers' Day



Altar server Carlo.

**CARLO Acutis was an altar server like you - and now he is set to become a SAINT!**

He became an altar boy at a young age, went to holy Mass every day and also spent a lot of time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, saying: "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven."


Our Altar Servers' Day is on Saturday 13 September and is inspired by Carlo. Our theme is *Servants of the Eucharist*. There will be training, games and prayer and we'll conclude with Holy Mass in the presence of the holy relics of Carlo. So please join us for this special day!

Carlo is known as the patron of the internet and young people.



He created websites highlighting amazing eucharistic miracles.



He died from leukaemia in 2006 at just 15 years old. 

# 'I loved being an altar server'



I was an altar server at Our Lady & St Andrew's in Galashiels. That's me on the left.



With Monsignor Tony Duffy during a pilgrimage Mass in Lourdes.



Here's me in Lourdes, France, in 2002. Great memories!

## ■ By Father Robert Taylor

I LOVED being an altar server. It is a real privilege to be so close to the incredible moments of the Mass. As an altar server, you are a member of an important team serving God and the parish community. Thank you for serving in your parish and for being a member of the Guild of St Cuthbert for our Archdiocese of St Andrews & Edinburgh. Here are my tips on being a good altar server...

**Focus:** Make sure you pay attention to what happens at Mass, get ready for the parts where you assist the priest.

**Be a good example:** On the altar you are providing an important witness on how to behave and act to your fellow servers and the congregation.

**Pray and prepare:** Most of all I encourage you to pray well in preparation and during Mass.

*Fr Robert Taylor is based at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh.*



Fr Robert celebrating Mass.

## How to become a member of the Guild of St Cuthbert



1. Attend altar server training at your parish.
2. Serve at least TEN Holy Masses.
3. Come to the Altar Servers' Day on Saturday 13 September 2025.
4. Receive your certificate and medal from Archbishop Cushley.

## Our Youth team

- **Sr Isabelle Dufaux FSO**, Coordinator for Youth
- **Fr Paul Henderson**, Chair of the Youth Initiative
- **Fr Joshua Moir**, Assistant for the Youth Initiative

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