

Resources ,Reading and Notes for Children’s Liturgy Leaders

The Lectionary is essential.

“Sunday. Book of Readings. The Lectionary Adapted For Children. ”You will need a separate copy for Years A, B and C. The Scripture texts have been adapted by Sister Paule Freeburg, DC and comply with the official “Directory for Masses with Children” from the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship. The publisher in Great Britain is Viewpoint Resources Direct. Although the Gospel passages are written in the other leaders guide books, the Gospel should be read from The Lectionary. The Priest presents the Lectionary to The Children’s Liturgy Leader to lead the children to the place where their Liturgy will be held. Within this place the Lectionary should be displayed in a prominent position. You will need candles and a crucifix. In addition, it is suggested that the appropriate liturgical colour e.g. green (ordinary time) , purple (Lent) etc. may be displayed in the room and explained to the children.

There are a variety of books available including:

“Sunday Weekly Leader Guide. Sundays, Feast Days & Solemnities Year (A/B/C)”, written by Christian Brusselmans, Sr. Paule Freeburg, Rev. Edward Matthews & Christopher Walker and published by T. Shand Publications Ltd.

This is an older reference and you need to purchase a separate book for each liturgical year.

“The Complete Children’s Liturgy Book”. A comprehensive programme for every Sunday of the Lectionary, written by Katie Thomson and published by Kevin Mayhew.

As the name suggests this covers every Sunday for all three liturgical years in one book. It has illustrated worksheets which may be photocopied for the purpose for which they are intended, without infringing copyright. Everything else is copyright so may not be reproduced. It is particularly good for use with younger children.

“Welcome the Word. A fully worked out children’s programme for every Sunday of the Lectionary” is written by Joan Brown SND and published by Kevin Mayhew. This comes complete with a CD-ROM which can be used to print out activity worksheets.

Online Resources

<https://cafod.org.uk>>Children-s-Liturgy

This free resource contains a weekly CL page with prayers, songs and questions to help the children reflect on the Gospel and it may be freely adapted by CL leaders.

Newsprint Resources

This includes the weekly publication in the Scottish Catholic Observer.

Reading

RC Diocese of Westminster have an excellent website resource including comprehensive background information on Children's Liturgy, weekly sheets and useful documents such as:

rcdow.org.uk " Essential Quick Guide to Children's Liturgy"

liturgyoffice.org.uk has an excellent reference entitled "Liturgy of the Word with Children", from the Liturgy Office, Bishop's Conference of England and Wales which is certainly worth reading.

This list is not exhaustive, of course, and the Catechetics Commission from the Archdiocese of St. Andrews and Edinburgh has been tasked with producing our own online weekly Children's Liturgy resource commencing on 2nd December 2018- First Sunday of Advent Year C.

We welcome suggestions and comments from those currently involved in Children's Liturgy and from clergy.

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