

Children's Liturgy- Guidance Notes For Leaders

There must always be at least two leaders in attendance with the children.

Children's Liturgy Leaders must be:

- Adults with a current PVG with the Archdiocese – relating to voluntary work with children. (Please note that a PVG relevant to your occupation or any other voluntary work with other charities will not suffice). Arrange with your Parish Coordinator to obtain a PVG with the Archdiocese and complete a volunteer application form providing the names of two referees prior to commencing as a Children's Liturgy Leader. There is no cost, as the church is a registered charity. In addition, all volunteers are asked to renew this PVG every 5 years.
- Adults who have attended the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Training. This is initially, Level 1 Induction Training. Following this volunteers are expected to attend Level 2 Training within 18 months of completion of Level 1.
- Familiar with the policies and procedures outlined in the document "In God's image" produced by the Bishop's conference of Scotland relating to "Safeguarding in the Catholic Church". (www.bcos.org.uk/safeguarding)
- Familiar with the relevant "risk assessments" relating to their own individual parish setting.

You may commence as a Children's Liturgy Leader only when fulfilling all of the above and when authorized to do so by the relevant Parish Coordinator, on receipt of an **approval letter** issued by the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer.

As a new volunteer you will usually work with a more experienced leader who will help and support you. Where Children's Liturgy is already established in your parish, you will also have the support of your parish team of Children's Liturgy Leaders.