

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

27th July 2025

SECTION	INFORMATION	ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE
Preparation	The Leader and/or Reader should prepare resources ahead of the Sunday. Arrange room/area before the session begins. You will need a crucifix, candles, a place for the Lectionary The session should reflect that of the structure of the Mass. If you plan to use an activity the materials should be ready for use before the session begins.	<i>If possible, a cloth of the colour of the vestment for that service could be used. A stand or pillow should be available to rest the Lectionary on. Thus, giving the Word of God due reverence.</i>
Health & Safety	Once you are all assembled take a head count.	<i>This is in case of the need to evacuate.</i>
Introduction	Begin with making the sign of cross. Leader: Today Jesus' friends ask him to teach them how to pray. We learn from Jesus that we should ask and we will receive, seek and we will find, knock and the door will be opened.	<i>This is not needed as the children will have completed this before leaving the congregation, but it is often good to do this again to give children the opportunity to practice.</i>
Introductory Rites	<i>The introductory rites can be reduced in number dependant on the time for the session.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Penitential Rite <i>this can be optional dependant on time</i> The children could be taught how to sing the Kyrie Eleison, alternatively you can say Leader: Lord Jesus, give us your peace, Lord have mercy All: Lord, have mercy Leader: Lord Jesus you are our light and our guide, Christ have mercy All: Christ have mercy Leader: Lord Jesus, your care for us is never ending, Lord have mercy All: Lord have mercy	<i>Please note the instruction regarding the introductory rite from The Directory for Masses with Children (DMC) 40: It is permissible to omit one or other element of the introductory rite or perhaps expand another element, which is completed by the opening prayer. In choosing individual elements, care should be taken that each one be used from time to time and</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gloria (sung/said outside of Lent) <i>this can be optional dependant on time</i> <p>Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.</p> <p>We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,</p> <p>Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.</p> <p>Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.</p> <p>For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Collect: <i>must be read</i> if the children leave the congregation before this is completed. <p>Leader: O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.</p> <p>Amen</p>	<p><i>that none be entirely neglected.</i></p> <p><i>If the children leave the congregation after the collect, there is no need to repeat this.</i></p>
Liturgy of the Word	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Gospel Acclamation must be read (outside of Lent the children could be taught to sing Alleluia here). 	<p><i>Reading the Gospel should be done from a Children's</i></p>

	<p>Alleluia, Alleluia You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' Alleluia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gospel should now be read. <p style="text-align: center;">Luke 11:1-13</p> <p>Leader: "A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke". Explain and demonstrate – make three crosses: one on your forehead, one on your lips and one on your heart (in this way we think God's word, speak God's word and keep God's word in our hearts) as we say together "Glory to You, O Lord." Read the Gospel aloud to the children. At the end say:</p> <p>Leader: "The Gospel of the Lord". All reply: "Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ". Ask everyone to be seated.</p>	<p><i>Lectionary if possible or a Bible (ESV-CE translation).</i></p> <p><i>Take time so that the children can receive this. You might want to repeat the reading. You <u>must not</u> <u>paraphrase</u> the Gospel.</i></p>
Gospel Reflection	<p>The following are some suggestions to help with a discussion around the Gospel.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What did Jesus' friend ask of Him? (To teach them how to pray). 2. What prayer did Jesus teach them? (The Our Father. You could spend time reciting the Our Father with the children). 3. What can you remember about the story the Jesus told? (He told us about a neighbour who asks for bread because he had visitors. He is persistent and receives the bread. So, if we are persistent in our prayers God hears us). 4. How and when do you pray? (Discuss how the children like to pray, together/alone, speaking/singing, in the morning/night/during the day. When should they pray?). 	<p><i>The children should be encouraged to think about the Gospel message and share their ideas and thoughts. They should be given time and space to do this. Open questions such as 'I wonder' or 'What did you hear in this reading' may work better than a closed question. You could use Christian artwork to help with your delivery.</i></p>

Creed	<i>This is time dependant.</i> If there is time to recite this, the Apostles Creed can be used. Alternatively, a few lines of the Nicæan Creed can be recited to teach the Creed to the children.	
Activity	<i>This is time dependant.</i> Resources to help can be found on our website.	<i>If used it must reflect and enhance the Gospel message of the day.</i> <i>The other sections especially the Gospel and reflection must not be rushed in order to complete an activity.</i>
Prayers of the Faithful (Bidding Prayers)	<p>The following are suggestions:</p> <p>Let us pray to our Father that we remember always to ask, to seek and to knock</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We ask for peace in the world, that we seek to listen to you and respect all people. Lord, hear us Lord, graciously hear us. We pray that our community grows stronger through prayer. Lord, hear us Lord, graciously hear us. 	<i>These should be prepared in advance of the service, or the children could be asked to help by offering intentions that they might have.</i>
Closing Prayer	<p>This prayer brings the session to a close.</p> <p>Dear Father Thank you for being our loving Father. Amen</p>	<i>The children should now be prepared to rejoin the congregation for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.</i>
Offertory	Volunteers should be organised ready for the children to rejoin the congregation.	

The Archdiocese of St Andrew's & Edinburgh has a website that contains further resources, information and plans for Children's Liturgy for use by Children's Liturgy Leaders. When you reach the homepage of the website click on the section 'Archdiocese'. Scroll to the section 'Catechetics'. Under this section you will find 'Children's Catechesis' and an informative section on 'Adult Formation'.