

Children's Liturgy



Safeguarding Children Information

"The Diocese recognises each child as a gift from God, and values and encourages the participation of all children in all activities that enhance their spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and social development.

What does 'Children's Liturgy of the Word' mean?

The term 'Children's Liturgy of the Word' refers to the practice of children leaving the Sunday Mass during the Liturgy of the Word and gathering in a nearby room (e.g. Oratory) to celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word that is more appropriate to their level of understanding.

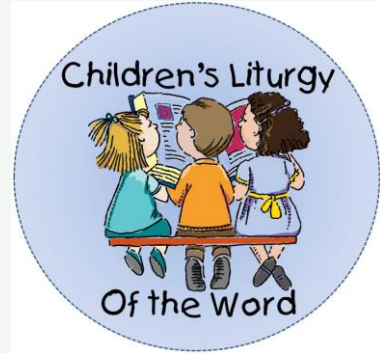
Sign-in Book

Children's Liturgy Leaders should sign-in, date and record the names of the children present.

General Guidelines

- ☺ A Consent Form should be completed by parents/guardians for all children in the Children's Liturgy.
- ☺ Codes of Behaviour for Adults and Young People are made available.
- ☺ Appropriate supervision ratios should be always maintained—think of how many adults are needed to supervise the activity.
- ☺ Make sure that the facilities are safe and do not pose any dangers.
- ☺ Remember that:

The safety of the child is always paramount.



If you have a concern regarding the safety and well-being of your child while he/she is involved in church activity, please contact one of the following:

Leader of Activity: _____
Parish Priest: _____

If you have a child safeguarding concern or wish to raise a matter from the past you may contact any of the following:

An Garda Siochana

Gardai National Protective Services Bureau:
Telephone: 01 6663430 or 01 6663435

In an emergency contact:

Letterkenny Garda Station: 074 91 67100

Tusla (Child & Family Agency)

Letterkenny: 074-9102233
Donegal Town: 074-9723540
Buncrana: 074-9320420

Diocesan Designated Person

Margaret Northage: 086 2183011



For information on Safeguarding Children in the Diocese of Raphoe, please contact:
Safeguarding Office, Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.
Tel: 074 9125669, E-mail: safeguarding@raphoediocese.ie