



# St Mary's Cathedral Children's Liturgy Group

The aims of the group are:-

Children between the age of 2 - 7 years old to receive the Word of God at their level of understanding and discover its meaning in their lives.

To give parents the opportunity to remain in church and hear the word of God.

Fun sessions whilst introducing children to important aspects of the Gospel message through prayer, discussion, music and practical activities.

Children's Liturgy sessions are made up of two groups:



*Angels* (younger children 2-5yrs or when they are able to sit and listen)



*Saints* (older children 5-7yrs)

As the children enter into Year 4 and begin preparing for their Holy Communion, it is expected that they no longer attend Children's Liturgy but remain in the main body of the church to learn the format of the Mass. If you have any concerns regarding this please approach Canon Gerard.

Please be assured that the Children's Liturgy leaders have all had safeguarding checks and are happy to look after your children during this time. It is encouraged that children are left with the leaders to allow the children to enjoy the group and make friends. This allows for parents/carers to have time to listen to the liturgy of the mass. If however if you feel it is appropriate to be with your child please come along until your child becomes settled.

We would like to request that children under the age of 2 years do not attend the children's liturgy group as this could disrupt other children.

If you wish to discuss any of the details in this information leaflet please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Children's Liturgy Team or Canon Gerard.

