



## **RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FOR LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN**



*'There is no separation between time for learning and time for formation,  
between acquiring notions and growing in wisdom.'*

(The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium)

# From the Liturgy Office

<http://www.liturgyoffice.org/Resources/LOWC/index.shtml>

## Liturgy of the Word with Children

The page brings together the various resources on the Liturgy Office website designed to help those who assist with Liturgy of the Word with Children at Mass.

### [Directory for Masses with Children \(pdf\)](#)

This document from the Holy See provides the foundations for good practice in liturgy with children. It gives guidance for the adaptation of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal for Masses with Children.

Paragraph 17, quoted above, establishes the provision of a separate Liturgy of the Word with Children at Mass.

### [Guidelines for Liturgy of Word with children \(pdf\)](#)

Prepared by the Department for Christian Life and Worship for England and Wales these guidelines provide a model for best practice and background notes to the various elements of liturgy with children.

### Ministry leaflet

As part of the the series of Ministry leaflets prepared to accompany the publication of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal there is one for [Ministering the Liturgy of the Word to Children at Mass](#) (pdf). Also of interest will be the [Reading Guide for Teachers](#) (pdf) which places the Directory for Masses with Children in the context of the General Instruction. There are also [leaflets for children](#) who are liturgical ministers.

### [Spirit of the Season](#)

A bulletin on liturgy and schools which comes out 6 times a year. It mixes practical advice and resources, reflections on good practice and a deeper understanding of liturgical matters.

### [Liturgy Preparation](#)

Many of the resources identified for Liturgy Preparation Groups will be helpful to those who assist with Liturgy of the Word with Children. In particular the material on the liturgical seasons.

## Virtual Liturgy of the Word with Children from CAFOD

Prayers and resources for parents and children's liturgy catechists are here.  
<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

While we cannot gather together in person due to coronavirus, we can still come together as a community through prayer.

### Virtual children's liturgy

Join Bronagh, Eileen and Martin at 10am this Sunday for our next virtual children's liturgy. Once you have registered you will be signed up for the next 12 sessions. If you can't join us live, a recording will be available to watch afterwards.

[Register for virtual children's liturgy](#) at this link

Missed the last session? [Catch up!](#) At this link

### Children's liturgy emails

In the Year of the Word, use these Gospel reflections, prayers, songs and activities to help children listen to the God who speaks. Feel free to adapt the resources to suit your group.

[Sign up for children's liturgy emails](#) at this link

## Other resources with preparation materials or liturgy outlines

From the Diocese of Westminster <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturgy/>

From Sermons For Kids <https://sermons4kids.com/>

From Wednesday Word free online service  
<http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

From Catholic Children's Liturgy blog <http://catholicchildrensliturgy.blogspot.com/>

From the Catholic Diocese of Auckland

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy/liturgy-of-the-word-with-children/preparation-material-and-liturgy-outlines/>

