

Ministers of Holy Communion

Rotas & Responsibilities

Ministers are responsible for arranging a substitute if they are not able to serve. This should not be left to chance. All rotas are available on the parish web-site. Every Sunday there is a sheet in the Advent Room for Ministers to show they are present. All Ministers should check this and make sure they are signed in.

Ministering At Mass

Normally we need:

9.00 am - 5 Ministers

11.00 am - 5 Ministers

5.00 pm - 3 Ministers

We will go back to the previous system and Ministers should go to the front of the altar after the Sign of Peace so that the correct number of Ministers are standing there by the end of the 'Lamb of God'.

Then all go onto the altar, 2 on the right side and 3 on the left.

If the chalice is emptied before the end of Communion, cover it with the purificator (cloth) and turn to face the altar. At the end of communion the Host Minister should return to the altar and the Celebrant will place all the hosts in the tabernacle – the Minister takes empty paten and all Ministers will then leave the church together.

Cleansing of the vessels

All chalices and the paten should be placed on the corporal (white cloth) in the Dominic Barberi Room (or the sacristy) and two of the Ministers should stay to cleanse the vessels. These should be taken into the Sacristy **before** any members of the congregation enter the Dominic Barberi Room for coffee.

Please note especially the need to ensure a substitute if you are away, and to sign in.

Thank you