**Parish Group details**

**Group Name:**

St Oliver Plunkett Parish Altar Servers

**Number of members:**

At present we have nine altar servers and a team of three people who train and chaperone the altar servers. Some of the parents are also available as chaperones if needed.

**When we meet and how often:**

We meet to train new altar servers when required or to train our existing team in unfamiliar liturgies when necessary.

Our adults meet regularly to discuss the running of the team in line with current Child Protection policy.

Our altar servers serve at all weekend Masses, at special Christmas and Easter liturgies and at various other special events throughout the year.

**Our role in the Parish:**

Being an altar server means serving God and God’s people at Mass. It means helping people to pray by serving reverently and it means understanding that if an altar server serves poorly, it will distract members of the congregation.

The role of the altar server trainers is to train the children in the duties they must perform as altar servers and to chaperone the children while they are preparing for Mass and while they are preparing to leave the church after Mass.

In carrying out their duties the altar server trainers at all times comply with the Child Protection - Code of Conduct for altar server trainers.

**How to join us:**

If a boy or girl would like to become an altar server, one of their parents should give their name to one of our trainers, or call to the Parish Office and leave contact details there. They will soon be contacted to fill in the necessary paperwork and to arrange a training date.