

For all those involved in The Ministry of Server & MC



1. Will I have to change anything I do?

You will need to know the same changes to sung and spoken responses and prayers as everyone else.

You'll also need to become used to a different altar missal and possibly other booklets during the time of transition from the old missal to the new one.

The new altar missal is due to be published in three formats:

- a. Altar edition
- b. Chapel edition.
- c. Study edition.

Apart from the new texts of the Order of Mass, your serving duties should not be affected.

2. Are there any texts in the Mass that speak especially to my ministry?

Several texts from the Eucharistic Prayers have a strong connection with your ministry.

In Eucharistic Prayer II:

We offer you, Lord,
the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation,
giving thanks that you have held us worthy
to be in your presence and minister to you.

In Eucharistic Prayer IV:

In your presence are countless hosts of Angels,
who serve you day and night
and, gazing upon the glory of your face,
glorify you without ceasing.

In Eucharistic Prayer II for Reconciliation:

Just as you have gathered us now at the table of your Son,
so also bring us together . . .



3. What other aspects of my ministry could I look at?

Areas where we often need to keep brushing up our skills include

- Body language: not only how we hold ourselves but how we **move** on the sanctuary.
- Participation: for example, do we listen attentively to the readings, and join in with the singing with everyone else?
- Being prepared: sometimes things go wrong, and we need to be ready to take the appropriate action.

And times where we really need to do some preparation include the ceremonies of Holy Week, and special occasions such as when the Bishop comes on visitation or to confirm.

Useful resources

Our national Liturgy Office website:

<http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/>

especially <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/GIRM/Ministry/Servers.pdf>

Guide for Servers

Corinna Laughlin, Paul Turner, Robert D. Shaddock, and D. Todd Williamson, LTP, ISBN 978-1-56854-803-6 [available from McCrimmons]

Liturgical Ministry: a practical guide to spirituality

Donna M. Cole, Resource Publications, ISBN 0-89390-372-8

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