

Servers in Fenor Church

In Fenor Church at present we have 11 servers - 4 seniors and seven juniors. Three of the junior servers were trained last year and are very inexperienced. We lost one very good girl last September and a boy after Christmas. Another boy is starting Secondary School in September and will probably retire then. Nine of the servers are from Fenor, one is from Dunhill and one from Tramore. The girls tend to be more confident and efficient than the boys.

We look for new servers immediately after the First Holy Communion. Children from Fenor School get a note for their parents asking if they are willing to allow their children to serve. A notice is also put into the Parish Newsletter and in the past we put a note into the Fenor Notes in the News & Star and the Munster Express (so that children from the Parish who are attending school outside the Parish will be aware that training is about to take place). A notice is also read out at mass and application forms are available from the Sacristy and the Parish Office.

Training takes place in Fenor Church on Saturday morning from 10 a.m - 11 a.m. as soon as all forms are returned (usually the end of May/June). Junior servers are always put on the rota with a 5th or 6th class server until they are confident and have some experience. Servers are asked to be in the Sacristy by 5.45 p.m. for Saturday evening mass. Only Seniors serve at funerals (when available). All must sign the book on arrival.

In the Sacristy we have 12 sets of Sontane and Surplice and two sets of the new robe with girdle. The original Sontane and Surplice are in the Sacristy since Father Purcell came but are still in good repair (thanks to Ita).

As part of the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore we value and encourage the participation of children in parish liturgies. We recognise and uphold the dignity and rights of all children and we are committed to their safeguarding and support. We are fully compliant with child safeguarding and have a duty of care towards the servers.

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