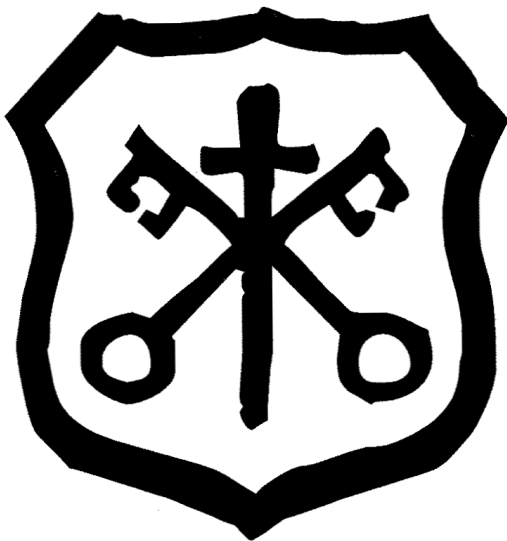


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**ALTAR SERVER MASS CARD**

**2009 - 2010**



**NAME:**.....

## ALTAR SERVER PRAYER

(Before Mass)

Oh Jesus, my King and Lord,  
By the grace of the heavenly Father  
And the power of the Holy Spirit,  
Guide me in all righteousness  
As I serve You today at the Altar  
So I may be always worthy of Your presence.  
If I happen to make an error,  
May it be a lesson  
So my service will be perfect tomorrow.  
Jesus, I love you with all my heart.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to  
the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is  
now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen

## **THE GUILD PROMISE**

**(After Mass)**

**I offer myself to God almighty,  
To Blessed Mary, our Mother  
And to our holy patron, Saint Stephen.  
And I promise to do my best  
To serve regularly  
With reverence and understanding,  
For the glory of God,  
The service of his Church,  
And my own eternal salvation.**

**Amen**

**(Sign of Cross)**

To serve at regular Masses you must be in Church 20 minutes before Mass starts.

MC's must arrive 30 minutes before Mass commences.

To serve at Special Masses you must be in Church one hour before Mass starts.

If you arrive later than these times you must gain permission to serve from your trainer.

You will be expected to serve and so support Special Masses throughout the year. 'Selected' Altar Servers will serve at some Special Masses. Other Masses will be organised where you make a request to serve and are then listed on a committed schedule.

When you arrive at Church you must enter through the main doors, walk up the centre aisle and genuflect beside the front benches at the Altar before entering the Sacristy.

Once you are in the Sacristy you MUST at all times be SILENT. The priest will be preparing for Mass in the vestry and the M.C. will be organising the tasks.

If you ever feel unwell during Mass don't worry, please tell your M.C. or another server to pass the message on and either leave the Altar or ask someone to support you immediately.

In order that you become confident at Altar serving it will be necessary for you to learn all about the equipment we use, how, why and when it is used in Mass. To help you with this we have a dictionary, which you should practice as homework every week.

You are responsible for the safe keeping of your Altar Server card. It should always be kept in the protective plastic wallet and never folded. You must bring this card to all Masses you serve at and all practice sessions, as it will be used in conjunction with your attendance registration records.

Please read the Parish newsletter weekly and review our website regularly, it will help you and your family keep up to date on our news:

[www.saintspeterandpaulcatholicchurchmitcham.co.uk](http://www.saintspeterandpaulcatholicchurchmitcham.co.uk)

## Altar Servers Dress Code

When Altar serving at any Mass it is expected that you arrive appropriately dressed for Church.

Please note the following dress code which applies to both boys & girls:

Wear: Black school shoes only  
White or black socks/tights

Avoid wearing:

trainers

Jeans

jogging trousers/track suits

hooded tops

Brightly coloured hair accessories/hair bands

large jewellery

And Remember

Turn off all Mobile Phones

You must take care not to damage the gown and Guild medal you wear in Mass. Do not allow candle wax to fall onto them and it is your responsibility to hang them up correctly at the end of Mass.

## Training Practice Session Dates

2.00pm to 3.00pm for newly inducted servers and 3.00pm to 4.00pm for established servers. As an Altar Server you must and should attend all practice sessions. If you cannot attend, then you must notify either a trainer or the Parish Priest asap. Please make sure you bring your Altar Server Mass Card with you to all training sessions. AN ENTRY FOR EACH TRAINING DAY AND SATURDAY/SUNDAY MASS MUST BE MADE ON YOUR CARD: EITHER AN ENTRY FOR ATTENDANCE OR THE REASON WHY YOU WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND. YOUR TRAINER OR PRIEST WILL DO THIS FOR YOU.

Date	Trainer	Comments
3 Oct 2009	New Altar Server Enrolment 2-4pm	
10 Oct 2009	Established Altar Server Enrolment	
7 Nov 2009		
5 Dec 2009		
2 Jan 2010		
6 Feb 2010		
6 Mar 2010		
20 Mar 2010	Training for Easter Masses at 2.00pm	
27 Mar 2010	Training for Easter Masses at 2.00pm	
1 May 2010		
5 June 2010		
3 July 2010		
7 Aug 2010		
18 Sept 2010	New Altar Server Enrolment	
25 Sept 2010	Established Altar Server Enrolment	

## The Sunday Obligation

The first commandment of the church binds all Catholics to attend Mass on all Sundays and Holy days of Obligation.

This is a grave obligation on our conscience, unless some really serious cause prevents us. To come in late, wilfully or through carelessness, when Mass has begun, is at least a venial sin. To miss Mass when you cannot help it, or when it would be very difficult for you to attend Mass, is not a sin. So, if you were to miss Mass because you were ill, or because you had to stay at home to mind a sick person or children, or because you were a very long way from church, or if for some other reason you could not go, it would not be a sin.

<b>SAT/SUN 2009</b>	<b>TRAINER/PRIEST</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>TASK</b>
<b>3/4 OCT</b>			
<b>10/11 OCT</b>			
<b>17/18 OCT</b>			
<b>24/25 OCT</b>			
<b>31/1 OCT/NOV</b>			
<b>7/8 NOV</b>			
<b>14/15 NOV</b>			
<b>21/22 NOV</b>			
<b>28/29 NOV</b>			
<b>5//6 DEC</b>			
<b>12/13 DEC</b>			

<b>2009</b>	<b>TRAINER/PRIEST</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>TASK</b>
<b>19/20 DEC</b>			
<b>26/27 DEC</b>			
<b>2010</b>			
<b>2/3 JAN</b>			
<b>9/10 JAN</b>			
<b>16/17 JAN</b>			
<b>23/24 JAN</b>			
<b>30/31 JAN</b>			
<b>6/7 FEB</b>			
<b>13/14 FEB</b>			
<b>20/21 FEB</b>			
<b>27/28 FEB</b>			
<b>6/7 MAR</b>			
<b>13/14 MAR</b>			
<b>20/21 MAR</b>			
<b>27/28 MAR</b>			
<b>3/4 APR</b>			
<b>10/11 APR</b>			
<b>17/18 APR</b>			
<b>24/25 APR</b>			
<b>1/2 MAY</b>			
<b>8/9 MAY</b>			
<b>15/16 MAY</b>			

<b>2010</b>	<b>TRAINER/PRIEST</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>TASK</b>
<b>22/23 MAY</b>			
<b>29/30 MAY</b>			
<b>5/6 JUN</b>			
<b>12/13 JUN</b>			
<b>19/20 JUN</b>			
<b>26/27 JUN</b>			
<b>3/4 JUL</b>			
<b>10/11 JUL</b>			
<b>17/18 JUL</b>			
<b>24/25 JUL</b>			
<b>31/1 JUL/AUG</b>			
<b>7/8 AUG</b>			
<b>14/15 AUG</b>			
<b>21/22 AUG</b>			
<b>28/29 AUG</b>			
<b>4/5 SEP</b>			
<b>11/12 SEP</b>			
<b>18/19 SEP</b>			
<b>25/26 SEP</b>			
<b>2/3 OCT</b>			
<b>9/10 OCT</b>			
<b>16/17 OCT</b>			
<b>23/24 OCT</b>			
<b>30/31 OCT</b>			

## EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

The service of Benediction developed during the Middle Ages during the Corpus Christi processions in which the Blessed Sacrament was held up for veneration. The service was subsequently used at other times throughout the year as an opportunity to give thanks for the Mass and adore Christ present under the form of bread.

Today, the Church encourages this rite to be celebrated in the context of a longer period of reading, prayer and reflection. EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION TAKES PLACE ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30PM

1ST FRIDAY	Trainer/Priest	Comments
6 Nov 09		
4 Dec 09		
1 Jan 10		
5 Feb 10		
5 Mar 10		
2 Apr 10		
7 May 10		
4 Jun 10		
2 Jul 10		
6 Aug 10		
3 Sep 10		
1 Oct 10		

## THE WAY OF THE CROSS

The Way of the Cross is a devotion to the Sacred Passion in which we accompany, in spirit, our Blessed Lord in his sorrowful journey from the house of Pilate to Calvary, and recall, with sorrow and love, all that took place from the time when he was condemned to death to his being laid in the tomb. We meditate devoutly on the Passion and Death of our Lord as we move around the stations in the Church.

2010	Time	Trainer/Priest	Comments
Fri 19 Feb	7pm		
Sun 21 Feb	5pm		
Fri 26 Feb	7pm		
Sun 28 Feb	5pm		
Fri 5 Mar	7pm		
Sun 7 Mar	5pm		
Fri 12 Mar	7pm		
Sun 14 Mar	5pm		
Fri 19 Mar	7pm		
Sun 21 Mar	5pm		
Fri 26 Mar	7pm		
Sun 28 Mar	5pm		
Fri 2 Apr	10am		
Fri 2 Apr	8pm		

## Special Masses

Rota sheets for these Masses will be published in advance. Please check the Sacristy notice board.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Priest/Trainer</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>24/12/2009</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Childrens Mass (6.30pm)</b>	
<b>24/12/2009</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Midnight Mass (11.30pm)</b>	
<b>25/12/2009</b>	<b>Christmas Day (8.0am, 9.30am, 11.30am)</b>	
<b>26/12/2009</b>	<b>St.Stephen's Day Guild Mass</b>	
<b>17/02/2010</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
<b>1/04/2010</b>	<b>Holy Thursday (8.0pm)</b>	
<b>2/04/2010</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	
<b>3/04/2010</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	
<b>4/04/2010</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	
<b>Altar Server Rally - Aylesford</b>		

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**Confirmation - 29th May 2010**

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**Mary Day - 31st May 2010**

**First Holy Communion 2010 (June)**

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**Cricket Green Outdoor Mass - 27th June 2010**



# RECORD OF PERFORMANCE AT MASS DUTIES

Date	Task	Currently Training	Confident
	Servers Prayer		
	Guild Prayer		
	Crucifer		
	Acolyte		
	Book		
	Bell		
	Water & Wine		
	2nd Water		
	Creed (9.30 Mass)		
	Gifts		
	Thurifer		
	Boat		
	Aarti		
	M.C.		
	Mass Preparation		

Name: .....

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