

## **Readers Guidelines Update      June 2022**

The previous guidelines issued to readers were rather lengthy, and have been superseded with the simple guidance below:

- The reader is to remain in place in the pew until the end of the opening prayer.
- Once the opening prayer is complete, the reader is to then move to the ambo.
- On approach, please bow to the altar. Please do not genuflect; the altar is the focal point for the Mass, not the tabernacle. So please bow only.
- When reading, please pause between each reading. Read slowly and clearly, there is no rush.
- There is no need to say, 'the response to the Psalm is...', please just read the response and then lead the congregation by repeating it. Lead the congregation through the Psalm and the response.
- There is no need to say, 'please stand to greet the Gospel'; simply pause and look up, then begin the Alleluia (or Praise to you Lord Jesus during Lent) - the congregation will stand and join in. Complete the Gospel acclamation by saying the final Alleluia with the congregation.
- There is often a short *précis* sentence above each of the readings - this is not to be read out.
- Once you have finished reading, leave the sanctuary, bow to the altar, and then return to your seat.
- For the Prayers of the Faithful, please wait until the recital of the Creed is complete before moving from your place. Then it is the same as above.