

## Reading at Mass practicalities

There will be **TWO** Readers on the rota from **Easter 2025**. The **FIRST** Reader reads **THE FIRST READING AND THE PSALM**. The **SECOND** Reader reads **THE SECOND READING AND THE BIDDING PRAYERS**. If you are unable to read on your scheduled day please let Marjorie and the other reader know as **they will read ALL THE READINGS IN THAT MASS**.

### WHEN TWO READERS ARE READING AT MASS

(THE PROCESS IS EXACTLY THE SAME IF ONLY ONE PERSON IS READING AT MASS obviously without the need for anyone to sit down between readings )

### Coming up to Read

**Both** readers come up to the front **together** **AFTER** the **COLLECT** (Opening prayer) has **finished**.

Bow to the **ALTAR** **together**. If reading at **ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH**, please go up to the ambo(lectern) via **THE RAMP**.

Whilst the **FIRST** reader is reading the **1<sup>ST</sup> READING AND PSALM** the **SECOND** reader is to sit on a chair at the side of the sanctuary near where the Altar servers sit. They then switch for the **2<sup>ND</sup> READING**.

We **DO NOT** need to say "The first /second reading. The First/second reading is...."

We **DO NOT** need to read the italics beneath A Reading From..... This tells us as readers the theme of the reading.

We **DO NOT** need to say "The responsorial Psalm, the response is...." **We just start with the Response**.

When both Readers have finished reading, **AFTER THE FINAL ALLELUIA**, we come down from the ambo (via **THE RAMP** in **ST JOSEPH'S**) and bow to the **ALTAR**. We **DO NOT** need to bow or genuflect to the priest celebrating Mass. We then return to our seats.

### Reading the Bidding Prayers

The **SECOND READER** goes up **ALONE** to read the Bidding Prayers. When reading the Bidding Prayers please **count to five slowly in your head** between reading the prayer and the response. This allows people time to pray for the intention.

#### **Example**

For our own intentions and the intentions of those who have asked for our prayers.

#### **(COUNT TO 5)**

Lord, in your mercy.

Stay at the lectern **UNTIL THE END OF THE HAIL MARY** then come down from the ambo (if in **ST JOSEPH'S** come down **THE RAMP**) and bow to the **ALTAR** and return to your seat.