

# PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BICESTER

## GUIDELINES FOR READERS

1. All readers should prepare themselves by reading the Sunday reading beforehand to ensure that they are familiar with the text and any difficult words that the readings may contain.

The "RC Calendar" smart-phone app is excellent as you can look up the readings for the day in advance.

Details of the iPhone version are here:-

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/catholic-calendar/id285512407?mt=8>

Details of the Android version are here:-

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.universalis.android.calendar&hl=en\\_GB](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.universalis.android.calendar&hl=en_GB)

2. When you arrive in church if you know who the other reader is, speak to them to sort out who is going to do what reading and the announcements before Mass.
3. The Mass should always flow, as soon as the opening prayer has began make your way in a reverent manner to the bottom of the sanctuary steps where the other reader will meet you. Wait there until the prayer has finished.
4. When the Amen is said bow and make your way to the Ambo/lectern where you then turn and face the celebrant and bow to him. And then you turn and proclaim the Word of God. The reading should always be read from the Lectionary, not from the newsletter.
5. At the end of the reading you say "THE WORD OF THE LORD". This came into effect at the revision of the new transition of the Missal.
6. When both of the readings, psalm and gospel acclamation have been said you make your way to the bottom of the sanctuary steps where you turn and bow before making your way to your places. It should be noted that at the 11.00am Mass and at other special Masses the choir sing psalm and the gospel acclamation. If a member of the choir does sing the Gospel acclamation then as soon as they start you should make your way to the bottom of the sanctuary steps where you turn and bow before making your way to your places.