

SIMPLE GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN THIS DOCUMENT

Alb	The white garment covering one's street dress for participation in the liturgy.
Altar <i>(Table of the Lord)</i>	A table on which the sacrifice of the Mass is offered. It is the centre of importance in the place where Mass is celebrated. In those schools which have an altar it is crucial that it is treated with dignity and respected in terms of where it is situated when Mass is not taking place.
Altar breads	Small, unleavened breads which will be consecrated during the Mass.
Ambo/Lectern <i>(Table of the Word)</i>	A place set aside for the proclamation of Scripture.
Boat	A 'boat-shaped' metal dish to for holding incense.
Cassock	A coloured non-liturgical, full length robe for use by priests, altar servers and other clerics under liturgical vestments; usually black for priests and purple for bishops.
Chalice	The cup made of metal used to hold the wine which will be consecrated during the Mass.
Chasuble	The vestment worn over the alb by priests.
Ciboria	Vessels used to hold the consecrated bread for the distribution of communion.
Corporal	Square, white cloth placed on the altar underneath the paten and chalice.
Cotta	A short white garment sometimes worn over a cassock.
Credence table	A table to the side of the sanctuary area where chalices and altar linens are kept in readiness for use at Mass.
Intercessions	Also called Prayer of the Faithful or Bidding Prayers.
Lectionary	Book containing the biblical readings proclaimed at Mass.
Missal	Book containing the prayers of the Mass.
Offertory table	A table where the gifts of bread and wine are placed ready to be brought up to the altar for the preparation of the gifts.
Paten	Plate or bowl on which the altar breads are placed.
Purificator	A small towel used for cleaning (purifying) the chalice.
Stole	The vestment, worn around the neck, by ordained ministers. For priests, bishops and the Pope, it hangs down in front (under the chasuble); deacons wear it over their left shoulder, crossed and fastened at the side.
Thurible	A metal censer, suspended from chains, in which incense is burned during services.