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 Leanne and the other reader know in the WhatsApp Group as they will read **ALL THE READINGS IN THAT MASS.** Consider having a **"Positively Critical Friend"** who can give you feedback on your reading at Mass **WHEN YOU ASK FOR IT.**

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.** Do not cut across the front of the altar.

Whilst the **FIRST** reader is reading the **1ST 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 **2ND READING.**

When both Readers have finished reading, **DURING 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.

As you read at Mass

DO	DON'T
✓ Prepare the reading before you come to church	! Perform multiple bows and genuflections
✓ Check the lectionary is open at the right page and read through before Mass begins.	! Clear your throat at the microphone
✓ Check if the Psalm/Gospel Acclamation is being sung or if you need to recite it.	! Say "The first/second reading is a reading from…." Or "The responsorial psalm, the response is…"
✓ Make sure that the microphone is in the best position and readjust it if necessary.	! Read out the italics theme of the reading
✓ Take a breath/pause before beginning to read	! Read with a flat, unemotional voice
✓ Leave a pause before the introduction and the reading	! Let the pitch of your voice slide ever downwards through the reading
✓ Take time to read slowly and clearly	! Indulge in histrionics (be over dramatic)
✓ Leave a pause between the reading and 'The Word of the Lord'	! Lose your place
✓ Be careful of consonants such as ds and ts	! Trail or dip your voice at the end of a sentence.
✓ Stop at full stops and commas as the meaning suggests	
✓ Make sure that you breathe while you read	
✓ Readjust the microphone if you must return to the ambo	

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.

We stay at the lectern **UNTIL THE PRIEST FINISHES THE PRAYERS INCLUDING 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 our seat.