

RITE FOR THE PARISH RECEPTION OF THE HOLY OILS FROM THE CHRISM MASS

Ideally, this Rite takes place at the Mass on Holy Thursday evening.

PREPARATION

1. In the sanctuary or near the baptismal font there should be an appropriate place for the Oils. Place a lighted candle there.
2. The Oils should be in glass or crystal containers which show the importance of their contents.
3. If parish representatives received the Oils from the Bishop at the Chrism Mass, they should bring them into the Church, otherwise suitable oil bearers should be chosen.
4. A commentator narrates during the presentation of the Oils.
5. Oil bearers gather at the back of the Church and enter after the procession of celebrant and other ministers for the Holy Thursday liturgy.

PROCESSION OF OILS

Soft instrumental music should play while celebrant and other ministers enter. The Oil bearers follow in single file and on reaching the sanctuary, stand side by side and turn and face the assembly. As the Oils are being brought to the front, the commentator says the following and the music fades away.

Introduction

Commentator: Last Monday, in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat, Bishop Bird, united with the faithful and priests of our Diocese, consecrated the holy Chrism and blessed the Oils for use in the anointing of the sick and in the preparation of children, young people and adults for baptism.

Tonight we receive these holy Oils for use in the celebration of the Church's sacraments during the coming year. These holy Oils are symbol of our unity with the bishop and all the faithful of our Diocese.

PRESENTATION OF OILS

Oil of the Sick

The Oil of the Sick is held high by the bearer and the following is said:

Commentator: Behold the Oil of the Sick
blessed by Bishop Paul and sent to us
to bring consolation and healing to all who suffer.

The Oil is placed in the prepared place and the bearer stands to one side.

Oil of Catechumens

The Oil of Catechumens is held high and the following is said:

Commentator: Behold the Oil of Catechumens
blessed by Bishop Paul and sent to us
to strengthen those who prepare for baptism
at Easter and throughout the coming year.

The Oil is placed in the prepared place and the bearer stands to one side.

Oil of Holy Chrism

The Chrism is held high and the following is said:

Commentator: Behold the Sacred Chrism,
oil mixed with sweet perfume,
a sign of life and salvation.
Consecrated by Bishop Paul and sent to us,
the Sacred Chrism will be used to anoint the newly baptised,
to confirm Christians in their likeness to Christ
and encourage their witness to faith,
and to preserve those who are ordained
for their work of sanctifying.

*The bearer places the Chrism in the prepared place, the bearers together bow to the altar
and go to their places in the assembly.*

*The celebrant greets the Assembly, incenses the altar and Holy Oils and continues with the
Opening Prayer.*