

# Anointing of the Sick

In the Scriptures we read, “The disciples cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick, and cured them.” and “Are any among sick? Let the presbyters of the Church be called to pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.”

In keeping with this tradition, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick includes prayer and an anointing with the special oil of the sick on the forehead and hands.

This Sacrament is for those who are sick in body, mind, spirit; for those who are troubled in any way, for those who are carrying burdens, for those who are sorely tempted.

An Anointing Mass is usually celebrated in Holy Rosary Parish:

- at 11.00am on the 1 st Thursday in the parish centre (a light luncheon follows this Mass);
- at 10:30am on the 3 rd Thursday of the month at the Hollywood Regis Nursing Home.

The sacrament is also available regularly for those who are housebound.

The sacrament is also available at any time for a person in special need.

For those approaching death, the church provides a special service called in latin, Viaticum (on the way with you): Absolution, Anointing, and Holy Communion. This used to be called Extreme Unction (final anointing), and sometimes the Last Rites.

Please contact the Parish Office –

- if there is someone who might wish to attend the Parish Anointing Mass, and/or might need transport;
- if there is someone who is housebound, and unable to attend the Parish Anointing Mass, but wishes to receive this sacrament, and the pastoral assistant will arrange a visit by the priest.