

# ANOINTING OF THE SICK

## YOU WILL NEED:

- Purple stole (approx 10cm x 130cm)
- Bible
- Image of hands laminated (see below)
- Image of sick person laminated (see below)
- Oil in small bottle
- Plate with host or small piece of bread
- Cards laminated: Anointing of the Sick; Greeting/Penitential Rite; Concluding Prayer/Blessing/Sign of Peace (see below).

*Children are seated in a semi-circle ready to listen to the story. When the children are settled, go to the shelf and carry the materials back to the story telling space.*

*Place the 'Anointing of the Sick' card in front of you.*

**Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament of healing. It is given by a priest or bishop to people who are seriously ill, very frail or near to death.**

**The sacrament gives strength, peace and the courage of the Holy Spirit to the sick person.**

**This sacrament often takes place in a person's home, a hospital or a church.**

*Place the purple stole around your neck.*

**Wearing a purple stole, the priest greets the sick person and the others present saying, "The peace of the Lord be with you."**

*Place the purple stole on the floor in front of you around the 'Anointing of the Sick' card.*

*Hold the 'Greeting/Penitential Rite' card.*

**The priest may hear the sick person's confession, or all present join in the penitential rite.**

*Place the 'Greeting/Penitential Rite' card on the stole.*

*Hold the Bible.*

**Then a brief text from Scripture is read by one of those present or by the priest.**

*Place bible on stole.*

*Lay your hands over the image of the sick person on the 'Anointing of the Sick' card.*

**The priest lays his hands on the head of the sick person in silence. Pause....**

*Place image of hands on the stole.*

*Hold the oil.*

**The priest takes the 'oil of the sick'**

*Place oil on your thumb and make a sign of the cross.*

**and anoints the sick person on the forehead and the hands, saying: "Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit."**

*Place the oil on the stole.*

*Hold the plate and bread.*

**The Lord's Prayer is prayed together. If the sick person is to receive communion this takes place now.**

*Place plate on the stole.*

*Hold the 'Concluding Prayer/Blessing/Sign of Peace' card.*

The priest says the concluding prayer for the sick person and blesses all those present. The priest and the others may then give the sick person the sign of peace.

*Place 'Concluding Prayer/Blessing/Sign of Peace' card on stole.*

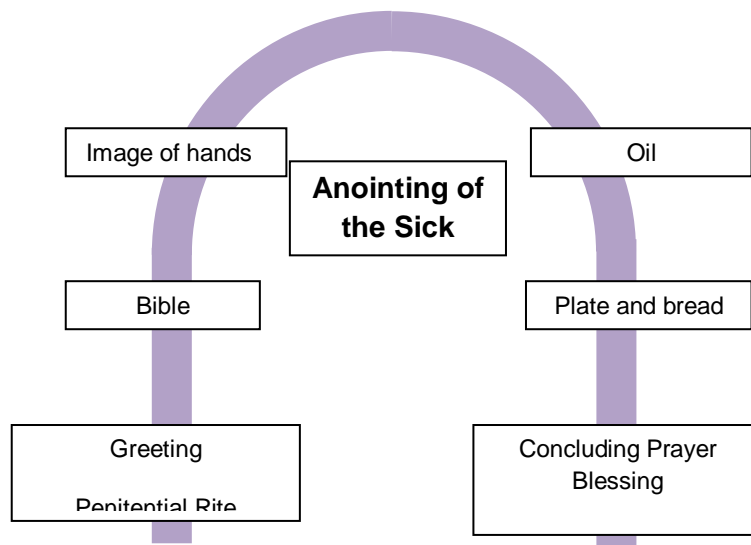
*Move your hand around the stole.*

**This is the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The essential elements of the Sacrament are the laying on of hands and the anointing with the 'oil of the sick'.**

*Pause quietly for a moment, and then begin to wonder together*

- I wonder whether you've seen someone receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.
- I wonder why the priest lays his hands on the sick person.
- I wonder why the priest anoints the sick person with oil.
- I wonder how the sick person might feel when he or she receives this sacrament.

*Carefully pack story materials into storage box and put on shelf. Ensure that children are watching so they know how to pack the materials away and where to find them.*



**Greeting  
Penitential Rite**

**Concluding Prayer  
Blessing  
Sign of Peace**



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