CONSECRATION OF HOLY OILS ON MAUNDY THURSDAY

White veil on cross. The Bishop celebrates in full pontifical robes and white stole.

After the Adeste Fideles, and the radiating of the Sacrament to the people, the Bishop will stand before the oils on the Altar which are already in place. If the quantity of oils is such that the oils cannot be easily placed upon the Altar, the oils shall be placed in Plano upon a table at which the Bishop shall now seat him/herself.

THE EXORCISM

The Bishop shall now exorcise the oils as follows:

B: In The Name of God, I exorcise all adverse influences, that they may be cast out from this oil and balsam which we are about to dedicate to Godly service, through The (+) Power, The (+) Love and The (+) Wisdom, of The Holy One. Amen

The Bishop now concentrates on the Oil For The Sick, and Blesses these oils as follows:

B: In the Name of our Lord The Christ, and invoking the aid of The Holy Archangel Raphael, I (+) consecrate and (+) Hallow this oil for the healing of the sick; may The Blessing of The Great Physician rest thereupon, that it may give refreshment and peace alike to soul and body. Amen.

The newly consecrated oil for the sick is taken away to a place of safety.

The Bishop now consecrates the Oil Of Catechumens:

B: In The Name of our Christed Lord, I do now (+) Consecrate and (+) Hallow this oil that it may serve for the cleansing and safeguarding of those who receive the Holy Rite of Baptism or consecration to the order of the Priesthood. Amen.

The newly consecrated Oil Of Catechumen is taken away to a place of safety.

The Bishop now commences to consecrate The Holy Chrism.

The Bishop consecrates the Balsam as follows:

B: In The Name of our Lord The Christ, I (+) Consecrate and (+) Hallow this Balsam that everything touched thereby may burn with the Christ purity, before whose splendour The Angels veil their faces. Amen.

The Bishop consecrates the oil as follows:

B: In The Name of our Lord The Christ, I (+) Consecrate and (+) Hallow this oil now set apart for the making of Holy Chrism, that it may bestow upon those who receive of it the fullness of Spiritual Strength. Amen.

The Balsam and oil are now mixed and the Bishop, extending both hands over the mixture continues:

B: Let us pray.

O Lord The Christ, The Fountain of all goodness, who dost pour down Thy gifts abundantly upon humanity, and for their strengthening, dost hallow and set apart these earthly things as a channel of Thy marvellous Power, send forth we pray Thee, Thy (+) Blessing upon this Holy Chrism, that whatsoever persons or things shall be anointed therewith may receive the fullness of spiritual consecration. Let Thy heavenly Blessing descend upon those who are signed by this Chrism with the sign of Thy Holy Service that, guarding well their spiritual heritage, they may shed around them the fragrance of a Godly life, O Thou great Shepherd and ruler of the souls of humanity, to whom be honour and glory for evermore. Amen.

The Bishop breathes three times in the form of a cross over the Chrism.

Each Priest and above also breathes over it in the form of a cross and it is then carried in procession to a place of safety.

B: You who have the honour to have entrusted to you the guardianship of The Holy Oils, guard them well, and be sure that these oils shall be used only in good and Godly service.

The Eucharist shall now proceed to its end.

When it comes to the consecrating of the Chrism there should be added the Balsam which is made up of equal parts of Benzoin gum (finely ground), Myrrh gum (also finely ground) and Frankincense gum (also finely ground) and mixed together with a little olive oil. It is acceptable to use Myrrh and Frankincense oil instead of powdered gum mixed with Benzoin.

If powdered Myrrh, Frankincense and Benzoin are used for the Balsam, it is imperative the mixing of oil and blessings of the Holy Chrism take place within minutes as the blessings charge will not hold for too long if not mixed with oils and Consecrated -But once mixed and consecrated the power will last for up to three years quite strongly.