

## Catholic Parish of Lockleys

### *A Way of Celebrating Communion to the Infirm and House-bound*

1. Begin with a brief welcome
2. Then the *Sign of the Cross*: “In the name of the Father . . .”
3. Invite the person receiving Communion to remember the presence of God at this moment  
Pause briefly
4. Offer a short litany of penance

*Lord, have mercy—Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy—Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy—Lord, have mercy*

And then,

*May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to eternal life. Amen.*

5. Pray the *Opening Prayer* of the Sunday Mass
6. Read the *Gospel* of the Sunday or the Day, or another suitable Scripture passage.

You might like to add a brief reflection on the Scripture.

7. Invite the person receiving Communion, to pray for what is on their mind at the moment. Perhaps a lead-in might be the question

*What is it that they would like to pray for at this moment?*

You might like to add prayers of your own

8. Pray the ‘*Our Father*’
9. Hold up the consecrated Host as you say,

Behold the Lamb of God, Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are we who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter into my soul. Say but the word and I shall be healed.

10. Offer Communion: *The Body of Christ. Amen.*

11. Time of quiet prayer
  12. Conclude with the *Prayer after Communion* from the Mass
  13. Offer a final greeting completed by the *Sign of the Cross*.
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It might be helpful to remember:

- Those bringing Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound are representatives of the parish community and of the Sacred Assembly from the previous Sunday's Celebration.
- The Ministers reflect the love and compassion of the parish and the whole Universal Church to the sick and housebound. They are invited to be truly present to those to whom they minister in this special moment of communion. Both are members of the "Body of Christ" which is sacramentally shared in this moment of Communion.
- The Bread they devoutly carry has been consecrated in the previous Sunday's Celebration, hence the prayers and reading from Scripture should link them to that celebration.
- The Minister has an opportunity to share what they heard in the homily of the Sunday celebration.
- The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* from the Second Vatican Council reminds us:  
  
"For well-disposed members of the faithful, the liturgy of the sacraments and sacramentals sanctifies almost every event in their lives; they are given access to the stream of divine grace which flows from the paschal mystery of the passion, death, the resurrection of Christ, the font from which all sacraments and sacramentals draw their power." (#61)