




## Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

### Entering & Exiting the Sanctuary

The important thing to remember is uniformity—the same system will operate at all Masses, so that any Minister can participate at any Mass and slot into something familiar.

1. Ministers will line up at the foot of the Sanctuary steps (shown in green) 
  - ⇒ They should make their way forwards during the Sign of Peace
  - ⇒ They will bow together before entering the Sanctuary
  - ⇒ They will enter the Sanctuary and be in position by the start of the Agnus Dei
2. They will form a line to the side of the Altar of Sacrifice (shown in red) 
  - ⇒ Ministers should not form the line behind the priest, only to the left as shown
  - ⇒ The Celebrant will approach the Ministers with Communion, and the Ministers stand still and wait to receive
3. After the distribution of Holy Communion, the Sacred Vessels are placed on the Altar of Sacrifice, **upon the Corporal** (square cloth in the centre of the Altar of Sacrifice)
  - ⇒ It is only the Priest, Deacon or Instituted Acolyte who may purify the Sacred Vessels
4. Ministers will proceed to the Credence Table near the sacristy door to cleanse their fingers, even if they have distributed the Precious Blood (shown in orange) 
5. Ministers will depart via the slope (behind the piano) and return to their places in the Nave