

Parish Baptism Programme



I Have Called You BY
Your
Name

You are Mine



“The Sacraments Touch all the Important Moments of Christian Life....”

- The Sacrament of Baptism is one of the Seven Sacraments of the Church.
- The Sacraments are doors which open us up to friendship with Jesus.
- Through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation a person becomes a full member of the Church.



The Sacrament of Baptism

- Baptism means to become a member of Gods family, through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- You have asked for Baptism.
- Selecting Godparents
- You willingly bring your child.



Through the Sacrament of Baptism we.....

- **begin our faith journey with Christ to the Father.**
- **become a member of the Church, the Body of Christ.**
- **are freed from original sin and strengthened against evil.**
- **are anointed and chosen by Christ.**
- **are given the gift of eternal life.**
- **are called to be the light of Christ in the world today.**



Christ has no Body now but Yours



***To be a Christian is to be part of a community,
which shares the one Bread of Life
together each week....MASS***

Through the **Holy Spirit** we...



become more aware of **our**
role in the Church

The Rite of Baptism for Children

- The **child** is **welcomed**, **named** and **signed** with the **sign of the Cross**.
- The cross marks with the imprint of Christ the one who is going to belong to him.
- The cross signifies the redemption won for us by Christ on the cross.



Role of God-Parents

‘Surrounded by the warmth of our love, may they grow and mature, as Jesus did’

- God-parents are called through Baptism to help the child know Jesus Christ and the faith into which they have been born
- **Ideally they need to be over 16 and a practising Catholic ...**
- They should take a keen interest in the child
- They have the support of the Christian community as they journey in faith with the child .

The Word of God is proclaimed

- When the **word of God** is proclaimed in the midst of the community it is **God speaking** directly to the people.
- When we listen to the **word of God** we enter into a **relationship** with **God**.
- God's word calls for a **response** from us. In the stories we hear, who we are and what we are called to do.



Prayer of Purification

- We are originally a **Holy People**.
- **God** gives us **free will** to **choose** how to live our lives.
- Through this prayer we reclaim our goodness and are protected against sin.



Anointing Before Baptism

- Historical use of oil.
- Symbolises the power of Christ seeping into the person.
- Marks us out as chosen for Christ and represents the strengthening our relationship with him.



The Blessing of Water

- Water is life-giving- a symbol of the great grace given to us in this sacrament.
- Through the Holy Spirit 'Baptism is a bath that purifies, justifies and sanctifies us.'
(CCC 1287)



Profession of Faith

Renunciation of Sin & Profession of Faith

- Specific questions are asked of the parents and god-parents. They are asked to reject sin and to express their explicit belief in the **Death** and **Resurrection of Christ**.
- **Parents and Godparents promise to raise their Child in the practice of the Faith.**



Baptism

“ I baptise you
in the name
of the
Father and
of the Son
and of the
Holy Spirit.”



Anointing with the Oil of Chrism

- The oil of Chrism signifies the gift of **the Holy Spirit** to the newly baptised- they are 'anointed' by the Holy Spirit-chosen for God as a member of his Church.
- The oil is a sign of strength to help the child grow in a holy and faithful life.



Clothing with the White Garment

- Symbolizes that the person has put on the risen Christ.
- New life in Christ—freedom from original sin.
- “And it happened that, as he was praying, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became sparkling white.”
(Luke 9:28-30)



Receiving the Light of Christ

- The candle, lit from the paschal candle, symbolises Christ, the light of the world.
- Parents are now entrusted to hand on the love of Christ to their children.
- The newly baptised are now also the 'light of the world' called to be Christ's presence in the world today.



Ephphatha

“The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. May he soon touch your ears to receive his word, and your mouth to proclaim his faith to the praise and glory of God the Father. Amen”

(Rite of Baptism for Children”)



The 'Our Father'

Through the saying of the 'Our Father', the newly baptised is recognised as a child of God who will receive the fullness of God's Spirit in Confirmation and will share in Christ's banquet through the Eucharist. “ **Mass**”



The 'Blessing of Parents' recognises the parents as...

- sharers in God's Creation.
- the first educators in faith of their children.
- as people who are grateful to God for the gift of their child.



Sending Forth

Go therefore make disciples of all nations...”

