

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest/Deacon: These children have been baptised and are now called children

of God. It marks the beginning of their faith journey. With God's help you will have the joy of being with your children when they receive Holy Communion, and of seeing them take on mature Christian living in the Sacrament of Confirmation when the fullness of God's Spirit is given. We pray in thanksgiving together: **Our Father...**

FINAL BLESSING

Priest/Deacon: May God the Almighty Father, who filled the world with joy by giving us his only Son, bless these children. May they grow to be more fully like Jesus Christ Our Lord.

All: Amen.

Priest/Deacon: God is the source of all life, human and Divine, may he bless the parents and godparents of these children. You thank him now for the gift he has given you. May you always show that gratitude in action by the love, care and example you bestow upon your newly baptised child.

All: Amen

Priest/Deacon: May Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Priest/Deacon: Let us go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Sacrament of Baptism

Welcome to the Christian Family

We are happy today to welcome these children into the Christian Family. Today is a day of great joy and celebration because these children are taking their first steps on a journey which we hope will be filled with love; love of God, love of family and love of the Christian Community.

ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY

The Parents now publicly name their child and commit themselves to handing on the Christian faith to their child.

Priest/Deacon: What name have you chosen for your child?

Parents: **Parents give name of child. N**

Priest/Deacon: What do you ask of God's church for your child?

Parents: **Baptism.**

Priest/Deacon: Parents, in requesting the Sacrament of Baptism for your child it will be your responsibility to train your child in the ways of the Catholic faith, to bring your child to mass regularly and to teach your child to pray and keep God's commandments as Christ taught us. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

Parents: **We do.**

ANOINTING WITH OIL OF CHRISM

The Godparents now publicly commit themselves to helping the parents in handing on the Christian faith .

Priest/Deacon: Godparents, are you prepared to support these parents as they undertake to bring their child up in the Catholic faith?

Godparents: We are.

Priest/Deacon: The Christian Community welcomes these children with great joy and I trace the Sign of the Cross on their foreheads to show that they now belong to Christ and I invite parents and godparents to do the same.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

A reading from the first letter of St. John (3:1-25)

"Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me to revive my drooping spirit. R.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. R.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lords own house shall I dwell forever and ever. R.

Anointing with Chrism is used in different circumstances as a sign that a person, place or thing is set apart for service of God and his people. In Baptism it is a sign that these children are chosen especially to build up God's Kingdom and to spread God's Word.

Priest/Deacon: God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. He anoints you with the Chrism of Salvation. As Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king, so may you live as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.

All: Amen

WHITE ROBE

Priest/Deacon: Through the sacrament of Baptism these children have become

a new creation, clothed in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of their Christian dignity. Families and Friends here gathered may you help them to bring that dignity into everlasting life.

All: Amen

CANDLE

Priest/Deacon:Parents and Godparents, receive the light of Christ. This light is

given to you to be kept burning brightly. Your children have been enlightened by Christ. May they now walk as children of Light. May the Flame of Faith be kept alive in their hearts. When the Lord comes may they meet Him with all the Saints in Heaven.

All: Amen

TOUCH

Priest/Deacon: 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.

All: Amen

Since a great number of the Christian Family is in heaven we call on the Saints to intercede for us:

Holy Mary Mother of God	pray for us
St. John the Baptist	pray for us
St. Joseph	pray for us
Saints Peter and Paul	pray for us
St. Patrick and St. Brigid	pray for us
St. Columba	pray for us
All you saints of God	pray for us

PRAYER AND ANOINTING BEFORE BAPTISM

An athlete's body is rubbed with oil to give strength. The Oil of Catechumens to be used now on the baby's breast is a sign of "The Strength of Christ" which will be with this child throughout life.

Priest/Deacon: Almighty God, you sent your only Son to rescue us from the slavery of sin, and to give us the freedom only your sons and daughters enjoy. We now pray for a moment in silence for these children, asking you Lord to be with them throughout their lives especially in times of doubt and despair. <pause> Your Son died and rose again to save us. By his victory over sin and death, bring these children into his light. Strengthen them with the grace of Christ, and watch over them at every step in life's journey. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Priest/Deacon: We anoint you with the oil of salvation in the name of Christ our Saviour. May he strengthen you with his power, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

All: Amen

BLESSING THE WATER

We now bless the water with which these children will be baptised. Water nourishes the earth and all people and it is a sign of God who is the source of all life.

Priest/Deacon: My brothers and sisters let us ask God to bless this water he has created which we shall use in baptism.

Let us pray.

Lord bless this water. Water makes seeds to grow, it refreshes us and makes us clean. Heavenly Father send your Holy Spirit upon the waters of this font. Pour the gift of life on these children whom you have chosen. In sharing the faith of the whole Christian community may they be born into the family of the church, and when the pilgrimage of life is over, enjoy Eternal Life.

All: Amen.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Parents and Godparents now renew their baptismal commitment and make a renunciation of sin and profession of faith on behalf of the children being baptised . Later in life when these children receive the sacrament of Confirmation they will make this commitment to the faith for themselves.

Priest/Deacon: Parents and Godparents, you have asked to have your children baptised. By water and the Holy Spirit these children will receive the gift of new life from God who is love. On your part, you must make it your constant care to bring them up in the practice of the faith. As you accept this responsibility, I invite you now to renew your own Christian commitment.

Priest/Deacon:

Do you reject what is evil?

Parents & Godparents:

I do

Do you believe in God, the Father
Almighty, creator of Heaven and Earth.

I do

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary,
was crucified, died and was buried, rose
from the dead, and is seated at the right
hand of the Father.

I do

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the
Holy Catholic Church, the Communion
of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

I do

Priest/Deacon: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud
to profess it, in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Amen.

Sprinkling with holy water

Priest/Deacon: Is it your will that N. should be baptised in the faith of the
Church which we have all professed with you?

Parents: It is.

Priest/Deacon: I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

GOSPEL

Priest/Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Priest/Deacon: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

People were bringing little children to Jesus, for him to bless them. The
disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and
said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to
such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone
who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter
it." Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them
his blessing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

1. We pray for these children who are to be baptised:
May they learn to know that they are a daughter/son of God and a
member of the Church; may they be a faithful follower of Jesus and a true
witness to the Gospel. Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

2. We pray for the parents and godparents of these children: May they be
wise and caring parents and godparents and may they give good guidance
to these children. Keep our families always in your love. Lord, hear us
All: Lord, graciously hear us

3. We pray for the Church – God's Holy people. May all who are baptised
by water and the Holy Spirit give witness to God by the things they do and
say. Lord, hear us. **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

4. We pray for all who have died: We thank God for the gift of Faith that
has been handed down to us through them; may God reward them for
their goodness. Lord, hear us **All: Lord, graciously hear us.**