

# Rite of Baptism

## Naming and Claiming the child

**Celebrant:** What name have you given your child?

**Parents:** [Name]

**Celebrant:** What do you ask of God's Church for [Name]?

**Parents:** Baptism.

You have asked to have your child baptised. ...

Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

**Parents:** We do.

Are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?

**Godparents:** We are.

[Name], the Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name, I claim you for Jesus our Saviour by the sign of his cross. I now trace the cross on your forehead, and invite your parents [and godparents] to do the same.



## Celebration of God's Word

### Scriptural Readings and Homily

One of the following readings among others may be used: John 3:1–6; Matthew 28:18–20; Mark 1:9–11; Mark 10:13–16

### Intercessions (Prayer of the Faithful & Litany of the Saints)

Response to each prayer: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Holy Mary, Mother of God

**pray for us.**

Saint Michael

**pray for us.**

Saint John the Baptist

**pray for us.**

Saint Joseph

**pray for us.**

Saint Peter and Saint Paul

**pray for us.**

Saint Mary Magdalene

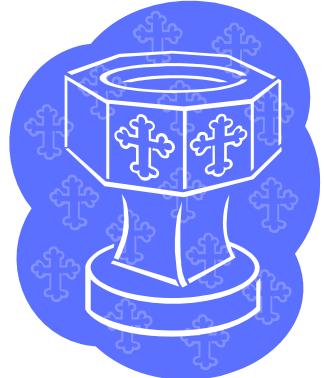
**pray for us.**

Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

**pray for us.**

All holy men and women

**pray for us.**



### Prayer of Exorcism and Anointing before Baptism

(We ask this) through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

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 for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

## Celebration of the sacrament

My dear brothers and sisters, we now ask God to give this child new life in abundance through water and the Holy Spirit.

### Blessing and Invocation of God over Baptismal Water

### Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

#### Profession of Faith

**Celebrant:** Do you reject Satan, all his works, and all his empty promises?

**Parents and godparents:** I do.

**Celebrant:** Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

**Parents and godparents:** I do.

**Celebrant:** 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 now seated at the right hand of the Father?

**Parents and godparents:** I do.

**Celebrant:** 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?

**Parents and godparents:** I do.

**Celebrant:** This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord. R. Amen.

# Baptism

Celebrant: Is it your will that [Name] should be baptised in the faith of the Church, which we have all professed with you?

**Parents and godparents: It is.**

He baptises the child, saying:

[Name], I baptise you in the name of the Father,

He immerses the child or pours water upon it.

and of the Son,

He immerses the child or pours water upon it a second time.

and of the Holy Spirit.

He immerses the child or pours water upon it a third time.



## The Explanatory Rites

### Anointing with Chrism

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 now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Jesus was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

### Clothing with the White Garment

[Name], you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Jesus.

See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.

**R. Amen.**

### Lighted Candle

Receive the light of Christ.

Someone from the family (such as the father or godfather) lights the child's candle from the Easter candle.

Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Jesus. He (she) is to walk always as a child of the light. May he (she) keep the flame of faith alive in his (her) heart. When the Lord comes, may he (she) go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

### Ephphatha Prayer over Ears and Mouth

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.

**R. Amen.**

## Conclusion of the rite

### Lord's Prayer



Dearly beloved, ... let us pray together in the words our Lord has given us:

All together:

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation:  
but deliver us from evil.**



### Blessing

The mother, then the father, then all present are blessed.

The response to each invocation is: **Amen.**

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