



Parents and Godparents process back to stand behind the altar

### ❖ Anointing with Chrism

(Consecration of a new Christian to God)

The priest anoints each child on the crown of the head with the fragrant oil of chrism saying:

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 Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life

### ❖ Clothing with the white stole

*The Godmother holds the stole as the priest says:*

N., N., you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourselves in Christ. 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. **AMEN.**

*The Godmother now wraps the child in the white stole*

### ❖ Lighting of the Baptismal Candle

*The Godfather lights a candle from the Paschal Candle as the priest says:*

Parents and Godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. These children of yours have been enlightened by Christ. They are to walk always as children of light. May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts. When the Lord comes, may they go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly Kingdom. **AMEN.**



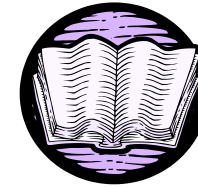
### ❖ The Our Father and Blessing of Parents

The celebration ends with this if the baptism is outside Mass, otherwise the blessing takes place at the end of Mass.

# Celebration of Baptism

### ❖ Gathering Song

Last week we gathered together to welcome each child and call them by name, today we gather to complete the baptism ceremony and begin by singing a gathering song from our hymn books



### ❖ Liturgy of the Word AS AT MASS OF THE DAY OR

*A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians*

Just as a human body, though it is made of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make up one body, so it is with Christ. In one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

WE SING a PSALM then the ALLELUIA

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark*

### **Glory to you, Lord**

Jesus came from Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove descending on him.

And a voice came from heaven:

‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

### **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

- Homily

## The Blessing of the water

*Parents and Godparents stand behind the altar facing the font*

*Priest:* Father, God of Mercy, through these waters of baptism you have filled us with new life as you very own children.

**All: Blessed be God**

*Priest:* From all who have been baptised in water and the Holy Spirit you have formed one people, united in your Son Jesus Christ.

**All: Blessed be God**

*Priest:* You have set us free and filled our hearts with the spirit of your love, that we may live in your peace.

**All: Blessed be God**

*Priest:* You call those who have been baptised to announce the Good News of Jesus Christ to people everywhere.

**All: Blessed be God**

*Priest:* You have called this child to this cleansing water and new birth that by sharing the faith of your Church he/she might have eternal life.

Bless + this water in which he/she will be baptised.

We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

**All: Amen**

## Baptismal Promises

*Priest:* My dear friends through water and the Holy Spirit N., is to receive the gift of new life from God, who is Love.

You must make it your constant care to bring her/him up in the practice of the Faith.

See that the divine life which God gives her/him is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in her/his heart.

Renew now the vows of your own baptism:

Reject sin, profess your Faith in Christ Jesus.

This is the Faith in which this child is about to be baptised.

*Priest:* Do you reject sin, so as to live in the freedom of God's children?

**All: I do**

*Priest:* Do you reject the glamour of evil and refuse to be mastered by sin?

**All: I do.**

*Priest:* Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and Earth?

**All: I do**

*Priest:* 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?

**All: I do**

*Priest:* 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?

**All: I do**

*Priest:* This is our Faith.  
This is the Faith of the Church.

We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.



*Parents and Godparents process to the font with the child for baptism.....*

## The Sacrament of Baptism

*Priest:* 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:* N., I baptise you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**