

# RITE OF BAPTISM

Because of the following SCRUTINY at the Reception of the Child/Children and the Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith involving the PARENT/s and the GODPARENT/s [which are integral parts of the Catholic Rite of Baptism], the following cannot be GODPARENT/s:

- non-believers;
- persons who claim to be Christians but are not baptised [in the name of the HOLY TRINITY]; or
- non-Christians [Buddhists/Hindus/Muslims/and others].

## RECEPTION of the CHILD/CHILDREN

**Priest:** What name have you given to your child/children?

**Parent/s** *[to respond individually]*: [Name of Child/children]

**Priest:** What do you ask of GOD's Church for [Name of Child/Children]?

**Parent/s** *[to respond individually]*: **BAPTISM.**

**Priest:** **PARENT/s**, you have asked to have your child/children baptised.

In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her/them in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him/her/them up to keep GOD's commandments as Christ taught us by loving GOD and our neighbour.

Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?

**Parent/s: We do.**

**Priest:** **GODPARENT/s**, are you ready to help these parents in their duty as Christian mother/s and father/s?

**Godparents: We are.**

**Priest:** The Christian community welcomes you with great joy. In its name I claim you for Christ our Saviour by the sign of his cross.

I now trace the cross on the child's/children's foreheads, and invite the parents and godparents to do the same, please.

# Celebration of the SACRAMENT

## Blessing of the Water Introduction

*[to renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith]*

Dear parents and godparents:

you have come here to present this/these child/children for baptism. By water and the Holy Spirit, he/she/they is/are to receive the gift of new life from God, who is love.

On your part, you must make it your constant care to bring him/her/them up in the practice of the faith. See that the divine life which GOD gives him/her/them is kept from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in his/her/their hearts.

If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, renew now the vows of your own baptism. Reject sin; profess your faith in Christ Jesus.

This is the faith of the Church. This is the faith in which this/these child/children is/are to be baptised.

## Renunciation of Sin

Do you reject sin, so as to live in the freedom of GOD's children?

**Parents and Godparents: I do.**

Do you reject the glamour of evil, and refuse to be mastered by sin?

**Parents and Godparents: I do.**

Do you reject Satan, father and prince of darkness?

**Parents and Godparents: I do.**

## Profession of Faith

Do you believe in GOD: the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

**Parents and Godparents: 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 now seated at the right hand of the Father?

**Parents and Godparents: 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?

**Parents and Godparents: I do.**

This is our faith.

This is the faith of the Church.

We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our lord. Amen.