

A Guide for Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

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"Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (*vitae spiritualis ianua*), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1213*).

In Baptism we are welcomed as children of God and members of His Church in the first stage of our journey in faith.

It is common to have children baptised as infants where their parents and godparents make the first profession of faith for them.

If you would like to arrange a Baptism for your child

- Contact Fr. David to arrange an initial meeting
- Reflect on your own faith and the responsibility Baptism places on parents
- Attend Baptism preparation – time/venue will be arranged at your meeting with Fr. David
- Consider who you ask as godparents
- Finalise arrangements for the Baptism service

Adults who have not already been baptised may attend RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation meetings to discern their entry into the Church – please contact Fr. David.



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